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Lok Sabha to witness rare contest for Speaker's post

NDA government and the INDIA group fail to arrive at a consensus candidate; Opposition parties field Kodikunnil Suresh of the Congress against the ruling front's candidate, Om Birla, for the post

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The 18th Lok Sabha is all set to witness a rare contest for the Speaker's post on Wednesday between Om Birla of the BJP and Kodikunnil Suresh of the Congress after the National Democratic Alliance government and the INDIA bloc failed to arrive at a consensus.

On Tuesday, Congress leader K.C. Venugopal and DMK's T.R. Baalu from the Opposition and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and Health Minister J.P. Nadda had met at Mr. Singh's office in Parliament to evolve a consensus.

However, with both sides sticking to their position, the two Opposition leaders walked out. Mr. Venugopal accused the government of not following the "convention" of an Opposition candidate for the Deputy Speaker's position.

The decision to field Mr. Birla, a third-term BJP MP from Kota, underlined the BJP-led NDA's theme of continuity as he had held the post last term too.

The INDIA bloc's nominee, Mr. Suresh, is an eight-term MP from Kerala and belongs to a Dalit community.

In Independent India, there are only three instances (in 1952, 1967 and 1976) when there was a voting for the Speaker's post.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the Opposition was willing to support the NDA candidate but the government was non-committal on giving them the Deputy Speaker post.

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Firm stance: NDA leaders signing papers in favour of Om Birla for the Speaker's post, at Parliament House in Delhi. ANI

Rahul Gandhi to be Leader of Opposition

NEW DELHI
Rahul Gandhi will be the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, the Congress announced on Tuesday. The announcement was made after a meeting of the floor leaders of the INDIA bloc at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's official residence. » PAGE 17

Sri Lankan Navy man dies in action against Indian fishing boats

Meera Srinivasan
R. Rajaram
COLOMBO/NAGAPATTINAM

A sailor from the Sri Lankan Navy was killed in an operation targeting Indian fishermen and their fishing vessel in the early hours of Tuesday, according to Sri Lankan authorities.

As many as 10 Indian fishermen – seven from Nagapattinam, one from Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu and two from Andhra Pradesh – were arrested on charges of illegal fishing in Sri Lankan waters, off Kankesanthurai, in the Jaffna peninsula. The bottom trawler they used was seized.

Following this, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin wrote to Union Minister for External Affairs S. Jaishankar, requesting that he convene the Joint Working Group to secure the release of all the fishermen and their fishing boats from Lankan custody. He also insisted on measures to be taken to prevent such arrests in the future.

The Sri Lanka Navy said it had conducted a special operation to "chase away Indian poaching trawlers from Sri Lankan waters". While the unit arrested the fishermen and seized the trawler, a sailor from the Navy Special Boat Squadron was critically injured.

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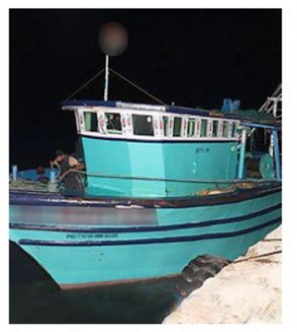

Indian trawler in custody of the Sri Lankan Navy.

Assange to be a 'free man' after plea deal with U.S.

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is on his way to face a final United States court hearing on Wednesday under a plea deal that is expected to bring his years-long legal drama to a close and allow him to return to his native Australia as a "free man".

Mr. Assange was released on Monday from a high-security British prison – Belmarsh Prison – where he had been held for five years while he fought extradition to the U.S.

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Delhi HC stays bail granted to Kejriwal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday imposed a stay on the regular bail granted by a trial court to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy case.

Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain said the trial court had not sufficiently appreciated the evidence submitted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Chance to argue
The judge also concurred with Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju's contention that the Central agency had not been given adequate chance to argue its stay application.

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From today, Nandini packet to cost ₹2 more with 50 ml extra milk

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Starting Wednesday, the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) will sell an additional 50 ml of milk in half and one-litre packets of Nandini and charge ₹2 extra for the same.

While the Opposition condemned the price increase, which follows the petrol and diesel price hike, KMF said it was being done to help farmers as milk procurement had reached record levels this season, and there was "no real hike"; only additional milk was being charged extra. Now, a one-litre packet containing an additional 50 ml of the popular Nandini toned milk will cost ₹44 per litre, and a half-litre packet containing an additional 50 ml will cost ₹24. Earlier, the cost of one litre of Nandini toned milk was ₹42, while a half-litre packet was sold at ₹22.

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A Nandini milk parlour in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

'Moscow preparing for likely Modi visit'

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

In what could be his first visit since the Ukraine war began, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to travel to Moscow in the coming weeks to hold bilateral talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin under the much-delayed annual summit mechanism that has been in place since 2000 but was suspended for the past few years.

"I can confirm that we are preparing a visit by the Prime Minister of India," Kremlin official and Presidential aide Yuri Ushakov said, according to Russian state-owned RIA Novosti news agency.

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Railways to bring down speed of select Vande Bharat, Gatiman Express trains

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The Indian Railways will soon cut down the maximum speed of premium trains, including Vande Bharat and Gatiman Express, from the present 160 kmph to 130 kmph on select routes to ensure safety.

Highly placed railway sources told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that North Central Railway had written to the Railway Board to slow down Train no. 12050/12049 Delhi-Jhansi-Delhi Gatiman Express, 22470/22469 Delhi-Khajuraho-Delhi Vande Bharat Express, 20172/20171 Delhi-Rani Kamalapati-Delhi Vande Bharat Express, and 12002/12001 Delhi-Rani Kamalapati-Delhi Shatabdi Express trains.

Going by the proposal that was "desired to ensure safety", the speed of Gatiman and Vande Bharat Express trains will be reduced from 160 kmph to 130 kmph while that of Shatabdi Express will be cut down from 150 kmph to 130 kmph. This will result in an increase in running time by 25-30 minutes and lead to changes in the timings of at least 10 superfast express trains on these routes, the sources said.

Asked if the reduction in speed was due to the increasing number of accidents across the country, since the order was issued within a week of the Kanchanjunga Express accident, a senior railway official said the failure of Train Protection & Warning System (TPWS) on the Delhi-Agra-Jhansi routes was the reason the premium trains were being slowed down.

A Northern Railway proposal to dispense with TPWS or reduce speed of trains to 130 kmph was pending with the Board since November 6, 2023.

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This revision is expected to increase the running time of these premium trains by 25-30 minutes. FILE PHOTO

Chokers to diamond pendants: how South Africa has turned the tide

If there is one country that deserves the rub of the green going its way, it is the Rainbow Nation; the Proteas have historically found themselves on the wrong side of humdingers, but in the ongoing T20 WC, Markram's men have managed to hold their nerve in tense encounters and remain unbeaten

Sankar Narayanan E.H.

Beware! Supporting South Africa is not for the faint-hearted!

The Proteas, who have the unenvious tag of 'chokers' in world cricket, have made a happy habit of snatching victory from the jaws of defeat in the 20-over extravaganza in the Americas – an experience as gripping as watching a *House of the Dragon* episode with a cliffhanger finish.

Things could have gone horribly wrong for Aiden Markram's men on multiple occasions. However, they weathered the storm and sailed into the semifinals unbeaten. Whether they go two steps further to win the whole thing remains to be seen. But the fact that South Africa has players it can depend upon to show up in crucial moments will instil confidence in the ranks.

Remember it all too well

South Africa's tryst with nail-biting finishes in the 2024 T20 World Cup started against the Netherlands. After an easy win against Sri Lanka, at least compared to the other humdingers that were to follow, the Proteas faced their bogey team in multi-national tournaments. They used up six wickets and 113 deliveries while chasing down the Netherlands' 103 – granted it was not a modest target on the dicey New York track. They were, at one stage, reeling at 12 for four but a calm and collected David Miller, ably supported by Tristan Stubbs' efforts, guided them home.

"The game of cricket makes it a bit tricky. We are moving forward as a squad. Sometimes the victories are going to be convincing. To squeeze a win out from that (12 for four) situation is good for the team environment," skipper Markram said after the game.

While it was a narrow four-wicket win against the Men in Orange, their next assignment saw the Proteas pull off a four-run victory over Bangladesh. After deciding to bat, their top-order once again failed to make a mark and put together 113 to defend. However, the bowlers were accurate (none went for more than 27) as the team clinched a win with some luck going its way.

As fate would have it

In the 17th over of Bangladesh's chase, Mahmudullah was adjudged lbw by the umpire. The batter went for a review which proved that the ball was missing the stumps. Mahmudullah extended his stay at the crease but lost out on the four leg-byes he would have otherwise got for the ball going for a boundary after hitting his pads as the umpire's original verdict had already deemed the delivery dead. According to the Playing Conditions, despite the umpire's verdict being overturned, Bangladesh did not get those crucial four runs which ended up being the victory margin for South Africa.

Nonetheless, if there is one team that deserves the rub of the green going its way thanks to a cricket law, it is South Africa. Remember the 1992 World Cup semifinal against England? The heavens opened up when Kepler Wessels' side needed 22 off 13 and the target was readjusted (according to the laws then) to 21 from one ball and South Africa had to bow out of its first World Cup unceremoniously.

Back to 2024, the Proteas' next challenge was against a spirited Nepal side which did its best to hunt down the target of 116 and fell agonisingly short. From requiring just 18 runs from as many balls with seven wickets in hand, it was a safe bet to say that Nepal would get across the line. However, Tabraiz Shamsi, Anrich Nortje and Ottneil Baartman delivered what was asked of them and restricted Nepal to 114 for seven – a one-run victory for South Africa.

This was the closest win for the Proteas in this mega event which saw a final-ball drama break Nepal fans' hearts. With two runs needed off the last delivery, Gulsan Jha ran for a bye and would have thought that he was safe after wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock's throw hit his back and deflected. However, as luck would have it, the ball went directly to a vigilant Heinrich Klaasen who flicked the ball onto the stumps. Jha, who slowed down after the ball made contact with him, was late in getting to the crease and failed to take the game to a Super Over.

Coming in clutch

Following a streak of pulsating results, the Proteas would have hoped for an easy win against co-host USA in their first Super 8 fixture. However, Andries Gous – a South Africa-born cricketer – took the co-host close to chasing a target of 195 with his unbeaten 47-ball 80. Before Kagiso Rabada's exceptional two-run penultimate over reeled things back, South Africa fans would have got flashbacks of the 2015 ODI World Cup semifinal knock by Grant Elliott – also a South Africa native – to take New Zealand into the summit clash. It wasn't to be in Antigua and the Proteas prevailed by 18 runs.

A crackerjack

After five consecutive victories in the tournament, the wagon moved to St. Lucia for South Africa to face the defending champion England. And, surprise, surprise... this was also a crackerjack of a contest. The pendulum swung in the windy Gros Islet as both teams had the chance to win it easily.

Jos Buttler's men were chasing South Africa's 163 and were in trouble at 61 for four after 10.2 overs. Then, Liam Livingstone and Harry Brook cut it down to 46 off 24 to make it anybody's game. The duo punished the next over, laden with full tosses from Baartman, and cut down the target to 25 off 18. The game was in England's grasp, but Rabada, Marco Jansen and Nortje had other ideas and turned the contest on its head. Markram's stupendous catch running backwards to dismiss a dangerous Brook off Nortje's final over was crucial in the side's seven-run victory.

Do-or-die clash

South Africa's most important, and latest, victory came in a do-or-die Super 8 clash against the West Indies. The two-time champion tightened the screws on South Africa's run chase, which at one stage was in cruise control with 46 runs needed off 55 balls with seven wickets in hand. However, Rovman Powell's men – playing for a last-four spot themselves – made a match of it thanks to a disciplined bowling effort and brought the equation to nine off seven. Then, a marvellous drive through extra-cover from Rabada and a maximum down the ground by the 6'8" towering Jansen, who stood tall in the nervy chase with an unbeaten 14-ball 21, turned the tide and sealed South Africa's semifinal berth.

"I'm sweating. Quite nervy at the end. That's been the theme of our tournament – us finding a way to win as a team, no matter what the situation is. Our supporters would probably like bigger wins. But things like this keep us in check," Shamsi said after the three-wicket victory.

Yes, the scenario could have been different for South Africa. Mahmudullah could have been given not out by the umpire, and Jha could have not hesitated and reached the crease to force a tie-breaker. But, take nothing away from the performances its players have put up and the belief that they have shown to win games of cricket so far. A semifinal clash against Rashid Khan's Afghanistan awaits Markram's men. Given their remarkable journey so far, the Proteas will fancy themselves to go all the way and break their World Cup drought.

THE GIST

- South Africa's tryst with nail-biting finishes in the 2024 T20 World Cup started against the Netherlands when it crossed the finish line in a nervy chase, thanks to Miller
- A semifinal clash against Rashid's Afghanistan awaits Markram's men. As they have got into the winning habit, the Proteas will fancy themselves to break their World Cup drought

Case against passenger for leaving hijack message in plane

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The International Airport police have registered a case against an unidentified passenger, who had left a message threatening hijack on a tissue paper in the washroom of a Kolkata-Bengaluru flight recently.

The incident came to light when cabin crew Olivia Maitram completed the formalities after the flight landed and the passengers deboarded. After locking the doors, she went to use the washroom, and found a tissue paper with the message "hi-jack 6E411 9/06/2024" on it. She alerted the captain who informed the security personnel.

A complaint has been filed with the jurisdictional police who had registered a non cognisable report and sought the court permission to register an FIR for further investigation.

Based on the court's direction, the police on Monday registered a case.

Over 2,500 fatal electrical accidents in last five years

'We have created awareness through street plays, media advertisements and even at the school level by organising painting and essay competitions around the theme of electrical safety'

Electrical accidents in Karnataka

Type of accident	2019 - 20	2020 - 21	2021 - 22	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
Fatal (Humans)	527	493	508	538	473
Non-fatal (Humans)	273	210	217	201	169
Fatal (Animals)	475	530	460	617	452
Fire	486	552	823	780	779

Source: Electrical Inspectorate

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

There have been 2,539 fatal electrical accidents in Karnataka in the last five years (between 2019-20 and 2023-24), according to the Electrical Inspectorate's data.

Apart from this, there have been 1,070 non-fatal electrical accidents, 2,534 fatal accidents pertaining to animals and 3,420 fire accidents (induced by electrical issues) in the last five years. However, the number of fatal and non-fatal electrical accidents was the lowest in 2023-24.

While there were 538 fatal accidents and 201 non-fatal accidents in 2022-23, the number came down to 473 and 169 respectively in 2023-24. A senior official from the Energy Department attributed the dip in the numbers to increased public awareness.

"We have created a lot of awareness among the public through street plays, media advertisements and even at the school level by organising painting and essay competitions around the theme of electrical safety," the official said.

Electrical Safety Week

In an effort to reduce these numbers further, the Electrical Inspectorate will observe 'National Electrical Safety Week-2024' from June 26 to July 2. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will kick-start the week on June 26, followed by a walkathon from Vidhana Soudha to K.R. Circle.

"We observe this every year to reduce electrical accidents as per Central Electricity Authority regulations 2023. The number of fire accidents especially is even more than fatal accidents, and these mostly occur in North Karnataka region," said T. N. Appachu, Chief Electrical Inspector.

He said both farmers and electricity supply companies (escoms) were at fault for these accidents. "50% of these accidents occur in the vicinity of sugarcane fields as lines are drawn over the fields, and they sag a lot. When sugarcanes touch these wires, they snap and result in electrocution. More awareness is needed in these regards," Mr. Appachu said.

Electrical accidents also occur more in Low Tension installations rather than in High Tension installations. "In HT installations, there are designated personnel to look after electrical safety. However, in LT installations (domestic), especially in high-rise apartments, there is minimal regard for electrical safety. The Safety Week aims to create awareness among such consumers too," Mr. Appachu said.

Woman stabbed to death by male friend who later tries to end his life

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 35-year-old woman was stabbed to death on Monday allegedly by her male friend at a house in Hosakote, who later tried to die by suicide on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Hemavathy, a native of Andhra Pradesh.

According to the police, she was working as an attendant at a fuel station and was living in a rented house in Hosakote for the past four months. The accused, Venu, said to be her male friend, used to visit her frequently.

On Monday, he visited the house and had a heated argument with Hemavathy over a trivial row and stabbed her repeatedly before fleeing from the spot, said the police.

The murder came to light when neighbours noticed Hemavathy lying in a pool of blood and alerted the police. The Hosakote police rushed to the spot and shifted the body.

Meanwhile, Venu attempted to die by suicide by consuming poison after reaching his hometown Chintamani. Passers-by found him unconscious and shifted him to the Chickballapur district hospital where he is being treated. The police have registered a case of murder and waiting for Venu's recovery to ascertain the cause of murder.

(Those having distress or suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani on Ph.: 104 for help.)

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated June 26, we have a story on how the Centre of Data for Public Good and the Bengaluru Traffic Police have come together to organise a hackathon called The Bengaluru Mobility Challenge. Open to all residents of India, it will consist of two phases, each of which will focus on different aspects of urban mobility management.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (June 26, Wednesday), the following articles are available:

- Why do parts of Maharashtra experience different water stress levels? **bit.ly/waterstressmaha**
- Brains that don't see in greyscale first over-rely on colours **bit.ly/colourgreyscale**

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Advocate killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 53-year-old advocate was killed when a scooter knocked him down at High Grounds junction on Monday. The deceased was identified as Mariswamy B.M.

According to the police, he was on his way to court when the accused, identified as Pallavi L, 28, who was heading to the city market crashed her scooter into the two-wheeler of Mariswamy.

As a result Mariswamy fell on the road and sustained severe injuries. Passers-by rushed him to a nearby hospital, where the doctors declared him as brought dead.

The High grounds police arrested Pallavi for causing death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving.

BJP to lay siege to CM's official residence next month

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

BJP members plan to lay siege to the official residence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on July 3 or 4, to condemn price rise arising from the Congress government's decision to increase taxes on fuel.

"We will lead a procession from the Vidhana Soudha to the Chief Minister's residence. We will block Mr. Siddaramaiah from coming out," Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok said in Belagavi on Tuesday.

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1	Senior Divisional Engineer/West/KSR Bengaluru section: **Sub Work-I:** KSR Bengaluru: Proposed provision of Tactile tiles from circulating area to all the Platforms in KSR Bengaluru Station for Divyang persons and improvements to the platform surfaces in PF - 2 and 3, PF -4 (Mysuru End), PF-5 and 6 (Mysuru End), PF-7 and 8 (Yashvatpur End) and circulating area at KSR Bengaluru stations. **Sub Work-II:** KSR Bengaluru: Renovation to pay and use toilets including Divyangjan Toilets and renovation of booking office (3rd entry) at KSR Bengaluru station. **Sub Work-III:** Assistant Divisional Engineer /Mandya Sub-Division:- Pro. Provision of Divyangjan facilities like toilets, drinking water booths, railing, non-slippery walkways, ramps, parking lot, Engraving of edges of Platform, May I Help u Booth, Braille signages, low height ticket and enquiry counters etc. and Passengers amenities like Pay and Use Toilets/Urinals, Trolley path, Sinks and Benches etc. Maintenance period is 6 months.	Rs. 4,57,11,083/-
2	Bengaluru - Mysuru section: **Sub Work-I:** Improvements to minor bridges (26Nos) in Senior Section Engineer/P.Way/Mandya section in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mandya subdivision. (Bridge No. 553, 555, 558, 559, 562, 564, 576, 577, 579, 590, 591, 592, 606, 607, 612, 615, 616, 618, 633, 634, 646, 655, 657, 659, 665, 674). **Sub Work-II:** KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru section: Providing drainage arrangements at water logging RUB No. 611A in lieu of LC No. 54 at km 65/900-66/000 in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mandya sub division (Composite work). Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later	Rs. 3,15,11,441/-
3	Bengaluru - Mysuru section: **Sub Work-I:** Strengthening of Bank by providing standard width in isolated location from 46/400 to 99/000 in UP and DOWN line. **Sub Work-II:** TTR of existing 1 in 12 curved switch with TWS and weldable CMS Crossings – 8 Nos at Mandya and Hanakere yard. **Sub Work-III:** KSR Bengaluru – Mysuru section: Replacement of over aged SEJ with PSC improved SEJ - 52kg from km 72/300-100/900 – Total 16 Nos in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mandya section. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. (Composite work).	Rs. 1,06,91,375.00
4	KSR Bengaluru and Bengaluru Cantt: Supply of drinking water to railway station and staff quarters in Assistant Divisional Engineer/G/ Bengaluru subdivision for KSR Bengaluru and Bengaluru Cantonment stations for a period of six months.	Rs. 65,89,500.00
5	KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru section: **Sub Work-I:** Additional vent way to Bridge No. 572 at Km. 55/200-300 in Channapatna Yard – Existing 1x2.40x1.2m RCC Box. Proposed – 1x3.0m x 2.0m (26.11m barrel) RCC box by launching method in Assistant Divisional Engineer / Mandya sub division. **Sub Work-II:** Proposed fixing of sign boards on approaches of Bridges (29 Nos) Br. No. 448dn, 583dn, 610up, 627up & dn of KSR Bengaluru – Mysuru section= 5 Bridges. Maintenance period is 6 months.	Rs. 1,63,37,832.00
6	Sir M Vishweswaraya Terminal (SMVT) - Repairing and strengthening the false ceiling at Sir M Vishweswaraya Terminal station. Maintenance period is 12 months.	Rs. 1,85,42,445/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 10.07.2024**

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Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ord Bengaluru

PUB/183/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mrs.TALARI NAVYASREE W/o Mr. Bata Sivappa, and Mr. BATA SIVAPPA, S/o Sri. Bata Sreeramappa,** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr. JAGADEESH.R S/o Late Sri Ramachandrappa.T** Grandson of **Late. Sri. Hanumappa @ Thayappa** any person/s, Bank, Financial Institutions etc objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest, or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

PROPERTY SCHEDULE:

Flat bearing No. A-312, in the 3rd Floor of the Apartment **NAVA GOKULAM** having SBA of 1718 Sq.ft. with 722 Sq.ft UDS constructed on Land bearing Converted New Survey No.95/4, Old Survey No.95, **BBMP Katha No.110/95/4/110.** (Converted for residential purpose vide conversion Application No. 264225, dated.28.09.2021, by Deputy Commissioner. Bangalore Urban) situated at **HORAMAVU AGARA VILLAGE, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.**

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM / Electrical, North Western Railway, Jodhpur for & on behalf of the president of India, invites E-tender for the following work.**1. Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website No:- http:// www.ireps.gov.in 2. Date & time of closing of e-tender :-** 17.07.2024 up to 15.00 hrs. **3. Date & time of opening of e-tender:-** After 15.00 hrs. on 17.07.2024 **Tender No.:** 07/2024-25 **Name of Work:** Provision of 1 MWp Grid connected roof top solar power plant, on Railway Stadiums, Railway Clubs, institutes, community centres, residential quarters and other locations over JU Division. **Approx. Cost of the work (Rs.):** Rs. 4,29,12,840.00 **Tender No.:** 08/2024-25 **Name of Work:** Electrical General work i/c with Development of coaching maintenance facility and remodeling yard at JSM Station. **Approx. Cost of the work (Rs.):** Rs. 2,34,76,614.34 For detailed information visit **http://www.ireps.gov.in** **727-AJ/24**

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Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar - 841221

E-Open Tender Notice No.: S/RWP/E/2024-25/12 dated: 21.06.2024, Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites **online "e-Open Tender",** through Indian Railways E-Procurement Website www.ireps.gov.in, for supply of following Stores item at RWP/ Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14:00 hrs. **SN:** 1, **Tender No.:** 02245167, **Short Description of item:** Parker Cylinder, **Quantity:** 05 Nos., **Date of Tender Closing/Opening**: 19.07.2024 **SN:** 2, **Tender No.:** 01241063, **Short Description of item:** Sampling Spoon, **Quantity:** 3500 Nos., **Date of Tender Closing/Opening**: 22.07.2024 **(1)** Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in**. **(2)** The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum/ Corrigendum/Cancellation** with respect to the above tender. However, this information will also be invariably published in the all concerned newspapers.

For PCMM/RWP/Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT/2024-25/32

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr.H.L.Nagaraja S/o Late. H.C.Lakshmipathaiah, has agreed to purchaseproperty bearing vacant site No. 34, J.P.NagarIInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-34, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet more fully described in the schedule hereinafter referred as "SCHEDULE PROPERTY' from MR. BASAVARAJAPPA, Aged about 81 Years, S/o C Rangappa, Residing at National Park Road, Sampigehalli, Bannerughatta, Bangalore – 560083, If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me within 10 days from the date of this publication along with documents in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my client would proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant site No. 34, J.P.NagarIInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-34, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the:
East by : Site No.35
West by : 9th Main Road
North by : Site No 30
South by : Site No. 57

S.K. MITHUN Advocate,
No.19/1, 3rd Cross, Shankarpura,
Bangalore- 560004 Ph-9845366658

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that, my client **Mr. SIKANDAR, S/o. Mr. Fayaz Ahmed** residing at No.218, 8th Cross, JHBCS Layout, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore 560078 has lost the original Sale Deed vide Document No.4176/86-87, Book 1, Volume No.2470, Pages: 135 to 136, executed on:21-10-1986 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk in respect of the Schedule Property which is executed by Jaraganahalli H.B.C.S Ltd., in favour of **Mr. Musharaff Ahmed Khan** and Allotment Letter and Possession Certificate issued by the said JHBCS while in transit. In this connection, my client has lodged a police complaint to the Karnataka State Police (U/s 155 CrPC) Lost Article Report Serial No.1106523, Police Unit: Bangalore City, Lost Report No. 1106523/2024, dt: 19-06-2024.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.225, Formed in Sy. Nos. 7/1(B), 7/2,8,21/3,22/1 to 3, 23/1, to 4 and 24(P), formed by the Jaraganahalli House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., Situated at **KADIRENAHALLI VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** within the limits of Padmanabhanagar Sub-Range, Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.181-Kumaraswamy Layout, having PID No. 55-684-225. Measuring As Follows: EAST TO WEST: (33+31.41)/2 feet or 9.81 Metres; NORTH TO SOUTH: (45+44.75)/2 feet or 13.67 Metres; **In all measuring 1445.199 Square feet or 134.18 Sq. Metres,** together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and Bounded as follows:

On the East by -Property bearing Site No.226, On the West by- property bearing Site No.224, On the North by- Road, On the South by- Property bearing Site No.236

Hence, if anybody finds the said Documents please inform/return to the below address within **7 days.**

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पथ निर्माण विभाग,
पथ प्रमण्डल, साहेबगंज

Tender Cancellation Notice

PR No. 325368 Road (24-25):D के माध्यम से प्रकाशित e-Tender reference no. RCD/SAHIBGANJ/416/2024-25, Dated : 05.06.2024 को अपरिहार्य कारणवश से रद्द किया जाता है।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
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PR.NO.327595 Road(24-25):D

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU MEMORIAL FUND
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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES

Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Teen Murti House, New Delhi-110011 invites applications for Jawaharlal Nehru Scholarships for Doctoral Studies for the year 2024. Eighteen scholarships (UR-6/SC-3/ST-1/OBC-5/EWS-2/PwD-1) will be offered to Indian Nationals and two scholarships to Nationals of other Asian countries for Ph.D. studies in India from 1 April 2025 for up to 2 years. The subjects covered are: Indian History & Civilization, Sociology, Comparative Studies in Religion & Culture, Ecology & Environment and Economics. Application forms can be downloaded from our website or obtained from the JNMF office. Duly filled in forms should reach the JNMF office latest by 31 August 2024. Further details such as stipend and other terms and conditions will be available in the Information Sheet in our website: www.jnmf.in; Email: jnmf1964@gmail.com

Administrative Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer,PRE Division
Jawahar Road Koppal 583231 ,Karnataka .
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No:EE:PRED:DN:KPL:/DB/TENDER/2024-25/502
Date: 24.06.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Koppal, invites item rates tender through kppp one / two cover systems, Standard Bid Document KW-1,2,3 & 4 under head of account 2023-24 KKRDB, different talukas of Koppal district PWD and PRE Department from eligible registered contractors . This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka . For more information contact above the office. Eligible contractors participate online by entering into kppp portal. http// kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal.

General instructions :-

1.Contractors participate in all tenders online only.

2.Pre-qualification documents should be uploaded by scanning all certificates & other concerned documents online only.

3.Pre-requisite EMD have to be pay online as per mentioned in eproc-portal.

For more information, contractors need to consult to below signed official, officer, contractors may get the information by going through. http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal. This notified works can be downloaded in http// kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal from dated 26.06.2024.

Tender Processing Fees **As per E-Procurement.** Download of Schedule-B in Eproc Portal **From 26.06.2024 time after 10.00 AM upto 05.07.2024 time 16.00 Hours.** Tender Receipt last dates **From 26.06.2024 ,time 11.00 AM upto 05.07.2024 Time 16.30 hrs.** Technical Bid open date and time (Both Technical & Financial bids are opened as same date for KW 1 & KW 2 ,KW-3 works) **06.07.2024 in office hours.** Financial Bid open date and time **For KW 4 After getting Technical approval from competent authority, bid will be opened**

Sd/-Executive Engineer, PRE Division Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/74/KSMCA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr.H.L.Nagaraja S/o Late. H.C.Lakshmipathaiah, has agreed to purchase sites mentioned in the schedule herein from **SRI.E.CHANDRAPPA,** S/o Late Eswarappa, Aged about 74 Years, Residing atNo.19, 9th Main, Road, 9th Cross Road, Opp Trinity Hospital, J.P.Nagar, IInd Phase, Bangalore- 560078, If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me within **10 days** from the date of this publication along with documents in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my client would proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.1

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No. 14, J.P.Nagar IInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-14, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the:
EAST BY : Site Bearing No. 13 **WEST BY**: 9th Main Road
NORTH BY : Site bearing No. 3 **SOUTH BY**: Site bearing No. 19

ITEM NO. 2

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No. 19, J.P.Nagar IInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-19, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the:
EAST BY : Site Bearing No. 20 **WEST BY** : 9th Main Road
NORTH BY : Site bearing No. 14 **SOUTH BY** : Site bearing No. 30

ITEM No. 3

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No. 13, J.P.Nagar IInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-13, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the:
EAST BY : Road **WEST BY**: Site bearing No. 14
NORTH BY : Site bearing No. 4 **SOUTH BY**: Site bearing No. 20

ITEM No. 4

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No. 30, J.P.Nagar IInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-30, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the:
EAST BY : Site bearing No. 29 **WEST BY**: 9th Main Road
NORTH BY : Site bearing No. 19 **SOUTH BY**: Site bearing No. 34

ITEM No. 5

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No. 20, J.P.Nagar IInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-20, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the:
EAST BY : Road **WEST BY**: Site Bearing No. 19
NORTH BY : Site bearing No. 13 **SOUTH BY**: Site bearing No. 29

ITEM NO. 6

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant site No. 3, J.P.Nagar IInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-3, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feetand bounded on the:
EAST BY : Site No. 4 **WEST BY**: 9th Main Road
NORTH BY : 9th Cross Road **SOUTH BY**: Site No. 14

ITEM NO. 7

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant site No. 4, J.P.Nagar IInd Phase, Carved out of SY No. 18 Marenahalli Village, Bangalore, in BBMP Limits, ward No. 177, PID No. 57-349-4, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Square feetand bounded on the:
EAST BY : Road **WEST BY**: Site No. 3
NORTH BY : 9th Cross Road **SOUTH BY**: Site No. 13

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Brains that don't see in greyscale first over-rely on colours

Project Prakash is a U.S.-based initiative by IIT Delhi, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital in New Delhi, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It treats and rehabilitates blind children in India. In a new study, these children have helped researchers shed light on how the brain learns to see

Karthik Vinod

The world has many colours and being able to see them is a great source of joy. But a newborn baby mostly sees the world in black and white. The photosensitive cone cells in the child's eyes don't mature until they're around four months old. In this time, the brain uses other visual cues to make sense of the world.

In May, a team of Indian and U.S. researchers reported in the journal *Science* that this delay in developing colour vision is actually important for overall vision development.

"We are able to explain why normal visual development happens the way it does," study co-lead Dr. Priti Gupta, a cognitive neuroscientist, told *The Hindu*.

Dr. Gupta leads the research team in India for 'Project Prakash', a U.S.-based initiative of IIT Delhi, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital in New Delhi, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Project Prakash treats and rehabilitates blind children in India. These children helped the researchers shed light on how the brain learns to see.

Cognitive neuroscientist Priti Gupta with three newly sighted children at Project Prakash. NAVIYA LALL AND ALISH DIPANI

Importance of colour vision

Humans don't need colour vision to recognise objects but colours can provide adaptation and survival advantages, Dr. Gupta said.

"If you look at food, you can recognise it without colour. But if something has gone bad, then you need to see the colour of that thing to understand."

Yet there is more to colour vision than meets the eye.

"They're very mesmerised by colours," Dr. Gupta said of the children at Project Prakash. They often described objects around them with their colour. "Their reliance on colours is a little more than what normal children have." This observation gave the researchers an idea: "to show them some things without colour".

They brought together a group of visually impaired children and young adults between eight and 26 years of age and asked them to identify objects in images – a tree, a bus, chicken, a stack of books, etc. – first in greyscale and then in colour. In another test, they asked the group to determine which of two discs presented to them had a lighter hue while the researchers adjusted the colour.

The children could recognise colour images and discs quite well – even those who were barely two days out of eye surgery. But they had a tough time recognising black and white images.

Children without any visual impairment had trouble neither with colour nor greyscale images, on the other hand.

The researchers realised the issue wasn't the colour vision of the visually impaired children. Instead, it was the abnormal way in which their vision had developed: to rely too much on colour.

Mimicking visual development

Normally, a child first understands the world in greyscale. But the first time the children at Project Prakash experienced normal vision, their eyes had developed enough to see colours as well, so they skipped the greyscale phase. Their brain processed black and white images differently as a result.

To understand the effects of this issue, the researchers needed a proxy to the brain that they could tweak to learn in response to different visual stimuli. They set up a deep convolutional neural network (CNN) – a computer program that processes information the way neurons in the brain's visual cortex do. Engineers have previously used deep CNNs in image recognition software.

"They are not perfect models. But they are the best models people have at this point of time," Dr. Gupta said.

They trained four CNNs, one each on colour and greyscale images in a particular order: grey-grey, colour-colour, colour-grey, grey-colour.

They found the grey-CNN recognised both greyscale and colour images better than any of the other models.

> A newborn baby mostly sees the world in black and white. The photosensitive cone cells in the child's eyes don't mature until they're around four months old. In this time, the brain uses other visual cues to make sense of the world

The colour-colour model – which most mimicked visual development among Project Prakash's children – fared worse at identifying greyscale images.

The researchers attributed this to the colour-colour model's overreliance on colour cues when examining images because its training data was composed solely of colour images.

The grey-colour model had learnt enough cues from the greyscale images and was thus better able to recognise colour images.

These findings suggest why the children too performed poorly in colour tests. "They already start out with very clear vision as compared to a normal, developing baby," Dr. Gupta said.

It's fascinating that the brain develops object recognition and colour perception at different times, study co-author Dr. Suma Ganesh and Project Prakash's clinical lead said.

Optimising visual development

Dr. Ganesh is an eye surgeon, paediatric ophthalmologist, and medical director at Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital in New Delhi.

"We never thought that if one [perception] is removed, it has a lot of impact on the other." she said.

It's unclear whether this particular study would bring about any rehabilitation benefits though.

"At the moment, I wouldn't say we have done anything much on the rehabilitation side," Dr. Gupta said.

"But all of this knowledge that's coming to us will eventually be used for better treatments."

But she added that there are ideas that can help. For example, children could also be made to experience a room deprived of colour, simulating a black and white or a greyscale environment, for a few hours at a time.

"Maybe that helps to fine-tune their cells to actually generalise better," she said. However, she admitted there could be ethical concerns about such "tests" and that their efficacy would have to be checked with animal models first.

(Karthik Vinod is interning with The Hindu.*)*

THE GIST

Visually impaired children taking part in the study could recognise colour images and discs. But they had a tough time recognising black and white images. Children without any impairment had trouble neither with colour nor greyscale images

When children under treatment first experienced normal vision, their eyes had developed enough to see colours as well, so they skipped the greyscale phase. Their brain processed black and white images differently as a result

Researchers used deep convolutional neural networks as a brain proxy. The network that mimicked visual development among children under treatment fared worse at identifying greyscale images

BIG SHOT

The artist and activist Mundano performs inside a giant wave of plastic waste, known as "The Plastic Tsunami", made from more than 60 kilograms of disposable bags during an act on the dangers of plastic pollution in Brasilia, Brazil on Tuesday. REUTERS

QUESTION CORNER

Death by oxygen deprivation

The Hindu Bureau

A small but deadly mass of potassium cyanide crystals next to a one-eurocent coin. MORIENUS (CC BY-SA 3.0)

Q. How does potassium cyanide cause sudden death?

A: Potassium cyanide when consumed causes death by gradually arresting the supply of oxygen to our body's cells by forming complexes with haemoglobin and cytochrome (a protein which helps in the respiration of cells), depriving them of their capacity to transport or exchange oxygen.

Normally, oxygen is carried to different parts of the body from the lungs by the blood using haemoglobin — the iron-containing, oxygen-carrying molecule of the red blood cells. Haemoglobin is made up of a globular protein and four heme groups. The iron (in ferrous state) present in these heme complexes can bond to either an oxygen molecule or a water molecule or exchange one for the other without much difficulty. It is because of this ability that haemoglobin is able to pick up oxygen from the lungs, carry it to the cells, and bring water in return.

Cells respire oxygen with the help of myoglobin (haemoglobin-like proteins present in the cells) and cytochrome, which carries electrons. Specific forms of cytochrome and haemoglobin also cause sudden death when poisoned by cyanide.

When potassium cyanide is consumed, it splits into a potassium ion and a cyanide ion. The cyanide ion has a greater affinity for the ferrous ion than. As a result it occupies the site meant for oxygen in haemoglobin. This process is irreversible and prevents the transfer of oxygen.

One form of cytochrome, designated cytochrome-a, also binds with the cyanide ion and stabilises the iron to such an extent that it does not take part in the electron transfer to the cell. This prevents oxygen intake by the cell.

The symptoms of cyanide poisoning are giddiness, headache, and bluish tinge of the skin. If not treated immediately, unconsciousness and death will follow.

(A. Karthikeyani, Udumalpet; C. Ravi Chandra, Secunderabad; and R. Ramaa, Chennai)

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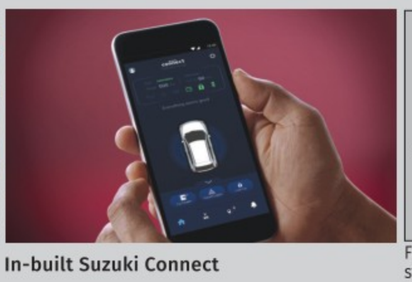
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Analysing Maharashtra's water crisis

Why do different regions of Maharashtra experience varied levels of water stress? Why is sugarcane production not suited for regions with less rainfall? What is meant by the rain-shadow effect? How can supply-side solutions help the situation?

EXPLAINER

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The story so far:

After the deficient monsoon last year, the Maharashtra government declared many parts of the State to be drought-hit. The impact of the deficiency manifested across the region this summer as wells ran dry and officials brought tankers to provide drinking water and water for irrigation. This situation is in sharp contrast with the State's coastal areas, where rainfall has often been in excess, leading to severe flooding. Marathwada's predicament is shaped by its location, topography, soil type, agricultural practices, and crop choices.

What is the rain-shadow effect?

Marathwada lies in the rain-shadow region of the Western Ghats. When moist winds from the Arabian Sea encounter these mountains, they rise and cool, causing heavy rainfall (2,000-4,000 mm) on the western side. But by the time these winds cross the Ghats and descend into Western Maharashtra and Marathwada, they lose most of their moisture, leaving Marathwada much drier (600-800 mm).

A 2016 study by IIT Gandhinagar researchers said climate change is worsening the situation in central Maharashtra. The region has experienced an increasing trend in drought severity and frequency of late. As a result, Marathwada and North Karnataka have emerged as the second driest regions in India after Rajasthan.

How does this affect crops?

Marathwada's agricultural practices are not well suited to its low rainfall. A major contributor to the region's water crisis is sugarcane cultivation. Sugarcane requires 1,500-2,500 mm of water in its growing season. While pulses and millets require four or five irrigations across their crop life, sugarcane needs to be irrigated almost every day. The area under sugarcane increased steadily between the 1950s and the 2000s, plateauing in the last decade. Today, the crop occupies 4% of the total cropped area in the region and consumes 61% of the irrigation water. As a result, the average river outflow in the upper Bhima basin has almost halved. Long-standing government support for sugarcane pricing and sales has expanded sugarcane irrigation, restricting the irrigation of more nutritious crops. Since December 2023, the government has been promoting sugarcane-juice-based ethanol production, which may be unwise for this water-starved area: 82% of the sugar grown in Maharashtra comes from low-rainfall areas. The Maharashtra Water and Irrigation Commission in 1999 recommended that sugarcane should be banned in areas that receive less than 1,000 mm of rainfall a year, yet production has increased.

How do soil, topography matter?

Marathwada has predominantly clayey black soil, locally called "regur". It is fertile and retains moisture well. However, it has a low infiltration rate: when it rains, the water is either logged or runs off, but doesn't percolate down to recharge groundwater. To capture this high run-off, Maharashtra has been building many dams – such that it is today the State with the most large dams in the country (1,845). The soil also has low hydraulic conductivity and holds on to the water for a long time after rains. WELL Labs' work in the region has found that farmers face crop loss as a result.

Even within Marathwada, water scarcity is not uniform. The area has parallel tributaries of the Godavari and the Krishna flowing southeast. Each tributary flows in the valley and is separated by a gently sloping hill. The valleys have perennial groundwater while the uplands have seasonal groundwater. This is because groundwater slowly moves underground from upland areas to the valleys. The wells in upland areas dry up a few months after the monsoons, and is where the water scarcity is most acute. They are at a natural disadvantage and deserve special support.

Can Marathwada be water-resilient?

Supply-side solutions are about making the most of available resources. They include classical watershed management work (such as building water-conserving structures like contour trenches, earthen bunds, gully plugs, etc.). Second, rainwater that runs off agricultural fields carries the very soil that doesn't allow the water to percolate. So many of these structures accumulate silt. Funds under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme could be used to design silt-trapping mechanisms and organise training programmes for farmers on periodic desilting.

In a low-rainfall region, managing water demand includes practising water-efficient irrigation, cultivating drought-resistant crops, and diversifying livelihoods. Marathwada must also shift to other high-value, low-water-using crops, while sugarcane production must move to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and West Bengal.

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The water used for irrigation (in billions of cubic metres)

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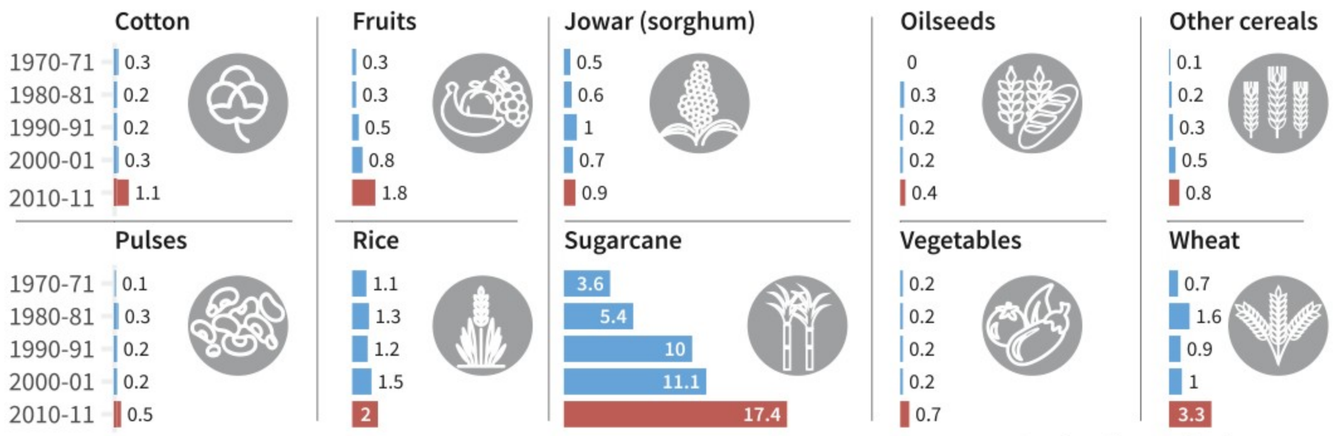

Source: Irrigated areas from agricultural census reports

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- In a low-rainfall region, managing water demand includes practising water-efficient irrigation, cultivating drought-resistant crops, and diversifying livelihoods. We must also control sugarcane production, if not reduce it.

Will the Agnipath scheme be revamped?

Will the formation of a new government lead to a more detailed discussion on the recruitment of soldiers as Agniveers? How have the NDA allies reacted? What is the government's stance?

Dinakar Peri

The story so far:

The recruitment of soldiers into the armed forces as Agniveers under the Agnipath scheme has been a major issue in the recent general election. After the election results, NDA allies, the Janata Dal (United) and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), raised the issue of Agnipath and called for a discussion on it. The government is open to changes and discussions are on, officials in the know said.

What is the Agnipath scheme?

The Agnipath scheme for recruitment of soldiers, sailors and airmen into the three services was announced on June 14, 2022 doing away with the earlier process of permanent recruitment. Under the new scheme, Agniveers are recruited for four years on the completion of which, up to 25% would be selected into the regular ranks on a permanent basis. The age bracket for new recruits was fixed at 17 and a half to 21 years of age and till 2026 the overall intake has been capped at 1.75 lakh. Subsequently, the Army is inducting 40,000 Agniveers per year and the Navy and Air Force are recruiting around 3,000 Agniveers each. Agniveers during their tenure can get class 12 certificates or a Bachelor's degree in addition to other skill certificates and when leaving after four years will get a lumpsum amount but are not eligible for pension. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had termed it a transformative initiative and a win-win situation for all.

The government has stated that the Agnipath scheme would bring down the average age of the armed forces from 32 to 26 years in line with the age profile of major armies worldwide. And that when Agniveers return to society, they will contribute to nation-building.

What are the concerns?

One of the biggest concerns for the armed forces, especially the Army, is the accentuating shortage of personnel in the 'below the officer's rank' cadres. There was no recruitment during the COVID-19 period for over two and half years which created a deficiency. For context, around 60,000 soldiers retire from the Army every year, while 40,000 are being recruited every year. So effectively the shortage is adding on year by year. Additionally, the low conversion rate of 25% from Agniveers to regular soldiers is going to further accentuate the shortfall. Given the short duration of four years, the training schedules have also been compressed accordingly.

With the huge demand for recruitment into the Army in some parts of the country, the scheme became a political issue as well as a campaign issue during the election. The country was rocked by violent protests when the scheme was announced. Several parties have demanded that it either be scrapped or the concerns addressed.

There is anger among "certain sections" on the Agnipath scheme, said JD(U) leader K.C. Tyagi amidst talks within the NDA on government formation. "The Agnipath scheme should be reviewed clause by clause," he said.

What is the current status?

As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, as the Agnipath scheme completes two years of implementation, the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in the Defence Ministry headed by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) has sought feedback from the forces on the scheme. This, officials said, is in line with the regular practice in the armed forces of reviewing any major scheme introduced or any weapon platform inducted to make required changes based on a detailed assessment.

Broadly, recommendation for enhancing intake numbers, increasing the permanent recruitment from 25% to at least 50% are among the suggestions. Also, there is a proposal to increase the age limit for entry though the technical route from 21 to 23 years to attract enough technically qualified individuals. This is not a new proposal but also existed in the recruitment process earlier.

Defence officials have stated that Navy and Air Force have compiled the feedback to be sent to the DMA. However, the Army is still in the process of compilation and will take some more time, multiple officials confirmed. The DMA will compile all the recommendations and send it to the Defence Ministry.

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- One of the biggest concerns for the armed forces, especially the Army, is the shortage of personnel in the 'below the officer's rank' cadres.
- As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, as the Agnipath scheme completes two years of implementation, the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in the Defence Ministry headed by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) has sought feedback from the forces on the scheme.

Authorities mull over fine for public urination in Cubbon Park

A file photo of an eco-friendly public toilet installed at Cubbon Park.

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People usually go to Cubbon Park for their morning and evening walks and for picnics to enjoy the greenery. But many are irked by the unwelcome sight of public urination, even by some regular visitors.

Following demands for action, the Horticulture Department has now decided to impose a penalty of ₹100 on anyone caught urinating in public in the park.

"There are some regular walkers who relieve themselves in the park. There are also some who walk through the park to their workplaces and stop at the same spots to relieve themselves," said Sunitha Kumar, Cubbon Park Conservation Committee.

Demanding action from the Horticulture Department, which maintains Cubbon Park, Smitha Rao, another regular visitor, said: "Natural resources are available for our use and not abuse. If there is abuse, there needs to be action."

The Horticulture Department said that there are five pay-and-use toilets inside Cubbon Park, which are run by the Swachh City Foundation and the Save People Foundation. One is near Balbhavan, and the others are near the UB City entry gate, the K.R. Circle entry gate, behind the band stand, and near the Hudson Circle entry gate.

Poor maintenance

However, visitors said that the poor maintenance of the existing toilets and a lack of proper signage are also some things which need to be looked after by the department to reduce public urination instances.

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"They should also put up signages instructing people not to relieve themselves and also the directions for toilets," she added.

The department, although it did not have a penalty system until now, is considering implementing one soon.

"We will ask all our guards to pull up people who relieve themselves in the open and levy a penalty of ₹100. We will also put up signages," said D.S. Ramesh, Director, Horticulture Department.

Three-day Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Mandya from Dec. 20

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairing a meeting on the Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that the 87th All-India Kannada Sahitya Sammelana will be held in Mandya from December 20 to 22.

On Tuesday, he briefed the media in Bengaluru after holding a preliminary meeting with office-bearers of the Kannada Sahitya Parishad, officials of the Mandya district administration, and district MLAs at his home office on the annual event.

Earlier, the meet was scheduled to be held in June. But it was postponed owing to the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha elections. Now, the administration has decided to organise the event in December.

The Chief Minister will request Kannadigas to participate in the conference in large numbers.

A large number of Kannadigas from Karnataka, other States, and abroad are expected to participate in the event.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPECIAL LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY & ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
Sagar Sub Division, Sagar

No **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In exercise of the powers under section 3D (1) and (2) of National Highways Act 1956 (48 of 1956) (herein after referrred to as the said Act) with it amendment from time to time, the Central Government vide their Gazette Notification S.O. 2343 (E) Dated: 14-06-2024 have required the lands indicated in the schedule hereunder for widening of National Highway 206 (NEW NH-69) in the stretch of land from Km 278.00 to Km 286.40 (Tumkur-Honnavara section) in the District of SHIVAMOGGA in the State of KARNATAKA.

Under the provisions of Sub Section (1), (2), (3) and (4) of section 3G of the said Act the public notice is hereby issued to the land owners and intrested persons in such land to appear in person or by an agent or by a legal practitioner on the following date and time before the Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority, Assistant Commissioner, Sagar Sub Division, Sagar to state the nature of their respective intrest in such land along with the copies of the documents such as 1) Original records, 2) Sale/ Partition / Other deeds of title 3) R.T.Cs 4) Copy of Mutation register 5) Tax paid receipts 6) Encumnrance certificate and any other relevant document.

Sl No	Name of the taluk	Name of the village	Date, time & Place
1	Sagar	Kotwalakatte	08-07-2024 (11.00 am to 01.00pm) Assistant Commissioner office, Sagar Sub Division, Sagar

Sd/-
Special Land Acquisition Officer & Competent Authority,
Assistant Commissioner, Sagar sub Division, Sagar.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th June, 2024

S.O. 2343(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 226(E) Dated:17/01/2024 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening / four laning etc.), Maintenance, management and operation of (NEW NH 206) in the stretch of land from Km. 278.00 to Km. 286.40 (Tumkur - Honnavara section) in the district of SHIVAMOGGA in the state of KARNATAKA

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Deccan Herald"Hosadigantha and "Udayavani" both dated 26-01-2024; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE :Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the stretch of land from Km. 278.00 to Km. 286.40 (Tumkur - Honnavara section) of NH-206 (New NH-69) in the district of SHIVAMOGGA in the state of KARNATAKA

State: KARNATAKA			District: SHIVAMOGGA		
S. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owner/Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Sagar					
Village: Kotwalakatte					
1	01-113-101-1508	Private	Dry	0.001788	Fascina D souza and others
2	01-52-45	Private	Dry	0.002689	Police club
3	02-46-46-461	Private	Dry	0.001477	Janaki C/o Manjunath T
4	03-47-47-462	Private	Dry	0.002341	G V Pavan Kumar
5	04-48-48-463	Private	Dry	0.003222	William R A bin RP Dsouza
6	05-49-49-464	Private	Dry	0.002881	Gajanana M
7	06-50-50-405	Private	Dry	0.002577	Gajanana M
8	07-51-51-446	Private	Dry	0.000371	Laxmi
9	08-53-53-468	Private	Dry	0.003534	H Meenakshi
10	1-136-136-233	Private	Dry	0.0028	N G Pai
11	1-476-577	Private	Dry	0.0011	Sudhakar bin B Gopalappa
12	10-494-494-457/1	Private	Dry	0.00071	Shreekanth Pai bin N. Narasimha
13	10-82-72-705	Private	Dry	0.0012	Venkatesh
14	102-166-775	Private	Dry	0.001728	Manorama
15	104-770-773/3	Private	Dry	0.001736	S.Puttaswamy
16	106-273-1374	Private	Dry	0.000435	CMC Land
17	11-11-11	Private	Dry	0.002766	Sanjeevamma Manjunatha Shetty
18	11-493-493-457	Private	Dry	0.000985	Shobha K. Pai C/o Krishnamoorthy
19	11-493-493-457	Private	Dry	0.00148	Shobha K. Pai C/o Krishnamoorthy
20	113-114-106	Private	Dry	0.001081	Panduranga Nayak
21	113-25-25-665	Government	Dry	0.042014	Police station
22	114-180-155/2-784/2	Private	Dry	0.000652	K.Rakesh Nayak bin K mohandas Nayak
23	114-26-26-662-663	Government	Dry	0.075027	Muncipal bus stand
24	1145-1145-3/2	Private	Dry	0.0004	Shivakumar
25	1146-1146-3/3	Private	Dry	0.000442	K. Shetty Bin Koragayya Shetty
26	1158-1158-3/4	Private	Dry	0.000389	Manjappa
27	116-218-189-1023	Private	Dry	0.001319	Ram G Haridas Patil
28	117-100-731	Private	Dry	0.002878	P.W.D Guest house Students Hostel
29	117-185-158-787	Private	Dry	0.001218	Dr. MS Shashidhar bin M. Shanthappa
30	118-186-159-788	Private	Dry	0.000519	Smt. Uma C/o. S.S Prasanna
31	12-495-485-458	Private	Dry	0.001688	C.Shashikantha
32	12-495-485-458	Private	Dry	0.001345	C.Shashikantha
33	12-81-71-705	Private	Dry	0.00142	Raghupathi Pai
34	120-187-160-789	Private	Dry	0.001013	CMC Land
35	123-309-309	Private	Dry	0.000433	P Venkataswamy Papayya
36	123-310-310	Private	Dry	0.0004	V.S Raghavendra Venkataswamy
37	125-308-308/1401	Private	Dry	0.001044	S Manjunatha
38	126-196-168-797	Private	Dry	0.000625	Narayana Shet bin Hanumanthappa
39	126-307-307-1404	Private	Dry	0.001774	Virappa Shetty
40	128-165-406	Private	Dry	0.002425	LIC of India
41	129-111-742	Private	Dry	0.008	K.E.B
42	129-111-742	Private	Dry	0.012069	K.E.B
43	129-162-403	Private	Dry	0.002854	Jamathulla and Muslim Samaja
44	129-198-170-799	Private	Dry	0.001978	Prema Narayana, Jayashree, Sanjay, E.T Bhaskar
45	1293-1346-1259	Private	Dry	0.002339	J.B Yekanthappa bin Basavanyappa
46	13-354-314-531	Private	Dry	0.000626	S Ramanna , Shreedhar, Seethamma, Sathisha
47	13-497-497-460	Private	Dry	0.00091	Suresh Mohan Kumutekara
48	13-74-68/9-704/9	Private	Dry	0.001415	Shashidhar
49	"130-199-171-800 and 131-202-173-150"	Private	Dry	0.002913	Nirmala R Pai, sowmya, Raghavendra Pai, Deeksha
50	130-303-303	Private	Dry	0.000933	Laxmamma C/o Erappa Shetty
51	132-1-1	Private	Dry	0.000775	Venkatesh bin Sannappa Yane Venkatesh
52	132-120-1526	Private	Dry	0.0033	Susheela & Hemalatha
53	132-2-2	Private	Dry	0.000417	Kalavathi bin Venkatesh
54	132-301-301-278	Private	Dry	0.00198	A B Jayanna
55	133-132-132-545	Private	Dry	0.0003	H.B Lingaraju
56	134-133-133-546	Private	Dry	0.002067	Kamala C/o Veerappa
57	134-298-298-275	Private	Dry	0.000761	Annapurna Bayi Madhusudhan
58	134-3-3	Private	Dry	0.000642	Anthony Leo bin Santhana S lopis
59	135-123-1529	Private	Dry	0.000926	Anthony lobo
60	135-4-4	Private	Dry	0.0005	A.Damodhar Shyanbhag, A Shridhar Shyanbhag,Veena
61	136-124-1530	Private	Dry	0.001599	Joseph Lobo bin John Lobo
62	136-9-9	Private	Dry	0.000928	S.T Savithri C/o S.T Subbanna
63	137-125	Private	Dry	0.00101	Ramya C/o Ramachandra
64	137-6-6	Private	Dry	0.002231	K.Parama jyothi bin S Kashinathan
65	"138-138-138-550, 223-223-136/1, 139-136-136-549, 220-220-136/1, 224-224-138/1"	Private	Dry	0.02491	"Syed Niyaz ahmed. Syed Jahoor ahmed. Syed jahoor ahmed. Syed jahoor ahmed. Thashmira jan"
66	138-8-8	Private	Dry	0.001351	D.Shrikanth Kamath , D.Gopinath Kamath
67	139-7-7	Private	Dry	0.001323	T.S Ragavendra bin T.M Subbarao
68	14-349-315	Private	Dry	0.00159	M.V Vasanth Kumari
69	14-355-315-532	Private	Dry	0.001195	Vittal pai , Vijendra pai and Other
70	14-499-499-462	Private	Dry	0.000921	Param Jyothi bin Kashinathan
71	14-499-499-462	Private	Dry	0.001591	Param Jyothi bin Kashinathan
72	14.14	Private	Dry	0.005869	Ramamandir
73	140-10-10	Private	Dry	0.003115	Rukmini , Naveena , Nayana,Nalini
74	141-11-11	Private	Dry	0.004481	R.S Sadashiva
75	141-141-553	Private	Dry	0.000944	Gangadhar Nayak
76	1414-139-139-551	Private	Dry	0.00419	Premalatha Nagaraja
77	142-12-12	Private	Dry	0.008974	Janakamma C/o Ananda Rao
78	142-140-140-552	Private	Dry	0.002058	Vasudeva Nayak
79	143-13-13	Private	Dry	0.004153	Radhabayi Shenoy
80	146-15-15	Private	Dry	0.008367	Ramamandir
81	148-112-104	Private	Dry	0.0018	N G Pai school
82	15-356-316-533	Private	Dry	0.000891	N .S Damodhar Achary
83	15-500-500-463	Private	Dry	0.002127	H. Subhramanya
84	15-500-500-463	Private	Dry	0.002251	H. Subhramanya
85	152-172-577/1	Private	Dry	0.005979	Shakunthala A bin Jayanna
86	153-154-1123	Private	Dry	0.004248	SD Prashanth Dattathreya Moorthy
87	154-217-217-59	Private	Dry	0.0088	Iqbal
88	16-16-390	Private	Dry	0.00116	Abdul wazaf Sharief
89	16-351-317	Private	Dry	0.001638	Sumangala Bai
90	16-501-501-464	Private	Dry	0.00267	H.G Gururaj
91	169-167-167-573	Private	Dry	0.004697	Prashanthi V shetty C/o Vishwa prakash shetty
92	17-108-198-1503	Private	Dry	0.000371	Yashodha & others
93	17-352-318	Private	Dry	0.001896	Sri JK Shreesha
94	17-358-318-535	Private	Dry	0.001084	Smt. Geetha D. Shyanbhag
95	172-	Government	Dry	0.03537	Ladies Hostel
96	174-175-175	Government	Dry	0.053384	Junior College
97	175-174-174-579	Government	Dry	0.034131	Municipal High School
98	177-196-602, 178-177-177-582	Government	Dry	0.030275	Assistant commissioner office, Executive Engineer Sagar, Civil judge House

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

WikiLeaks: the enemy of the deep state

WikiLeaks' fortunes have been inextricably tied with the travails of its co-founder Julian Assange, who after a decade-long legal battle with the U.S., has finally been let free

Srinivasan Ramani

"Julian Assange is free," WikiLeaks announced in a statement on X. "He left Belmarsh maximum security prison [in the U.K.] on the morning of 24 June, after having spent 1901 days there", it further read. The co-founder of the whistleblowing website, WikiLeaks, has agreed to plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to obtain and disclose classified U.S. national defence documents, thus ending his long battle against extradition to the U.S. He was flown out of the U.K. to attend the court hearing at Saipan, a U.S. Pacific territory, after which he will return to Australia.

Mr. Assange is wanted in the U.S. for criminal charges, including breaking the Espionage Act for WikiLeaks' actions of leaking thousands of secret U.S. files in 2010. He was looking at a punishment ranging up to 175 years in prison for violations of the Espionage Act.

Mr. Assange's journey to freedom wasn't easy, and he had come dangerously close to extradition. On June 17, 2022, then U.K. Home Secretary Priti Patel had signed an extradition order for Mr. Assange to the U.S. (which he was able to later appeal). On the same day, the Assange Defense Committee, a U.S.-based coalition of media rights and human rights groups, released a statement through its co-chairs, which include the renowned linguist and public intellectual Noam Chomsky and former U.S. military analyst and whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, that said the decision "was a sad day for western democracy". It added: "U.S. government argues that its venerated Constitution does not protect journalism the government dislikes and that publishing truthful information in public interest is a subversive, criminal act. This argument is a threat not only to journalism, but to democracy itself."

These were strong words in favour of a man who has been held in the U.K.'s Belmarsh prison ever since the Ecuador Embassy revoked his asylum and citizenship after he stayed for seven years on its premises in London. Mr. Assange initially underwent imprisonment for bail violations during his stay in the Ecuador Embassy and got a reprieve from a U.K district judge, Vanessa Baraitser, in January 2021, when she ruled that he could not be extradited to the U.S. because of concerns about his mental health and the possibility of suicide in a U.S prison with strict incarceration conditions.

U.S. prosecutors later filed an appeal, and the British High Court, this time in December 2021, ruled in favour of the U.S. following the Joe Biden administration's assurances on the terms of Mr. Assange's possible incarceration – that it would not hold him at the highest security prison facility (ADX Florence in Colorado, which houses terrorists, drug traffickers, and high-profile criminals) and that if he were convicted, he could serve his sentence in his native Australia if he requested it. Mr. Assange moved the British Supreme Court against the verdict, but on March 14, the Court refused permission to appeal.

Mr. Assange's travails have mirrored those of the WikiLeaks organisation itself.

Freedom at last: Julian Assange at Bangkok Don Mueang International Airport, on June 25. REUTERS

In February 2022, on WikiLeaks' website, the submission system for files (by whistleblowers, 'hacktivists', etc.) and its email server went completely offline, months after the organisation's secure chat services had stopped working in October 2021. This was no surprise.

The organisation has been inevitably linked to its co-founder, who still remains a director. Ever since his incarceration, the release of whistleblower documents have only been few and far between and much less in consequence compared to what the organisation managed to achieve between 2010 and 2019.

Origins and impact

WikiLeaks' journey began in 2006 when the website was first established and its domain name registered by Mr. Assange. While initially the website began as a disclosure portal on the lines of the Wikipedia model, with anonymous submissions being put up and edited by volunteers, it soon became a repository of anonymously sourced material. News and classified information could be uploaded on it using the anonymity software Tor, which protects the uploader's identity from being eavesdropped on any network and even by WikiLeaks itself.

Internal dissension and wrangling between WikiLeaks employees had resulted in problems with the submission system, which resulted in its suspension in 2010, but WikiLeaks relaunched the site in 2015.

One of the earliest revelations by Wikileaks was on how the U.S. government had been deploying practices at the Guantanamo Bay facility holding terror suspects, that were in violation of the Geneva Convention protocols.

Some of the most consequential leaks during the period when the site's anonymised submission system still remained active included the millions of classified files from the U.S. Defence Department on the Iraq and the Afghan invasions, besides lakhs of State Department communiques – both were released by former U.S. soldier Chelsea (then Bradley) Manning. These leaks began with a 39-minute video released on April 5, 2010 that showed gun-sight footage of two U.S. AH-64 Apache helicopters in action during the Iraqi insurgency against the U.S. occupation in 2007. The video showed the helicopter crew firing indiscriminately and killing civilians and two *Reuters* war correspondents. For nearly three years, *Reuters* had sought access to this video via the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, but had failed.

WikiLeaks promptly released the war logs, which were published by a host of media organisations and exposed human rights abuses by occupation forces, besides the increased fatality counts in Iraq. The war logs' release was followed by the publication of several news stories, including by *The Hindu*, based on thousands of leaked diplomatic cables that were also released by Ms. Manning, leading to significant public exposure of the ways, lifestyles and attitudes of the elite in various countries.

The WikiLeaks model – using cryptographic tools to protect sources and allowing for anonymous "leaks" of sensitive information (that could also be in public interest) to be published – suddenly brought forth a new model of extensive investigative journalism into areas that were relatively shielded from the public eye, such as the functioning of the deep state in democratic societies and the operation of power agencies in autocracies.

While initially the cables were released to five newspapers that undertook the exercise of redacting sensitive information before reporting on them and published them over a year from late 2010 to 2011, the leak of the encryption key of the full cache of files (of what was then termed "Cablegate"), resulted in the release of unredacted material, an action that was condemned by many media outlets.

The lack of an anonymised submission system between 2010 and 2015 did not deter it from publishing other files that were obtained from other hackers such as the Stratfor email leaks. Later, WikiLeaks also published then presidential candidate (and former Secretary of State) Hillary Clinton's aide John Podesta's emails before the 2016 presidential elections. This action invited severe critique of WikiLeaks from activists and media personnel, who likened these leaks to an effort to intervene in the 2016 elections with Mr. Assange having been quoted as saying he wanted to "harm" Hillary Clinton's chances of winning the presidency and accusing WikiLeaks of obtaining this information from Russian intelligence agency hackers, something Wikileaks denied.

Later, it emerged that someone from WikiLeaks had conversed with Clinton's presidential opponent, Donald Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr., seeking to promote the leaks and even asking for favours for Mr. Assange in Twitter DM conversations.

Probe in the U.S.

Wikileaks' releases, meanwhile, resulted in reprisals from the U.S. government. The Barack Obama administration began investigation of the Manning leaks, and Ms. Manning was convicted by court martial in July 2013 for violating the Espionage Act and underwent rigorous imprisonment before her sentence was commuted in January 2017 by the President. However, the administration concluded that it would not pursue criminal charges against Mr. Assange and WikiLeaks. The U.S. Justice Department under former President Donald Trump, however, charged Mr. Assange with collaborating in a conspiracy with Ms. Manning to crack a password on a Defense Department network to publish classified documents and communications on WikiLeaks in a sealed indictment in April 2017. These charges were unsealed in 2019.

Later, the Trump administration further charged Mr. Assange with violating the Espionage Act of 1917 – he was indicted on 17 new charges related to the Act at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. In June 2020, the charges were further expanded for conspiracy with hacker groups. The Biden administration had made no attempt to reverse these charges. Until now.

In April, Mr. Biden said that he was considering a request from Australia to drop its prosecution of Mr. Assange, indicating a change in policy. And now the U.S. with the plea deal has agreed to drop all other charges, except one, against the whistleblower.

Mr. Assange's legal case sets a precedent for the future of investigative journalism of the kind that WikiLeaks represents and also serves as a litmus test for free expression laws that allow for unhindered journalism in countries like the U.S.. While the organisation is now a shell of what it was a decade ago, its ability to harness the act of whistleblowing to shine a light on the inner workings of those in power transformed investigative journalism, even as its decisions to intervene in the U.S. polity complicated its legacy.

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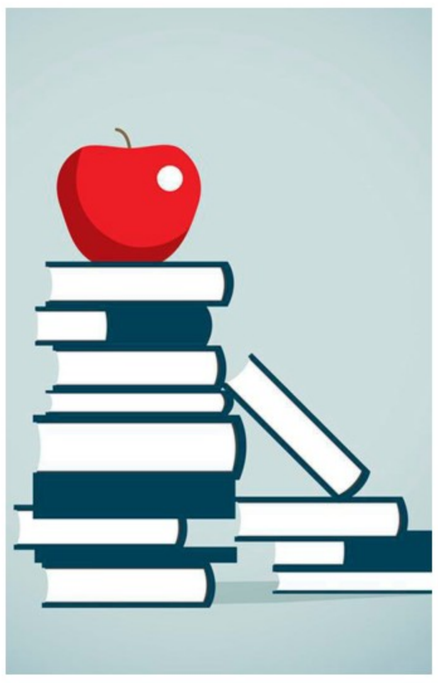

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"What is the meaning of 'save' in the following sentence? 'In our country, save for some big cities, boys and girls cannot mingle freely.' (N, Ulaganathan, Madras)"

"It means 'with the exception of'. What the writer means is that in our country boys and girls cannot mix freely except in some big cities. Here are some examples:

I know nothing about Sailaja save that she's Hari's wife.

No one saw the gruesome accident, save Balagopal.

In these two sentences, the word 'save' is used as a synonym for 'except'. This use of 'save' is normally found in formal writing. You hardly ever use the word in the sense of 'except' in conversation. If you do, you are likely to be thought of as a snob. What would your friend think if you told him, "Listen Vasu. I'd like to help you save I have no money. I'm broke!" In fact, some grammarians disapprove the use of 'save' even in writing. They feel that 'save' is old fashioned."

"Can we say 'thank you ever so much'? (V. R. Moorthi, Thiruvananthapuram)"

"Yes, we can. But this expression is not used very often. "Thank you ever so much" cannot be used with everybody. One has to be careful with the use of this expression. It should be used only with the people you are very, very intimate with – relatives, and close friends.

Thank you ever so much for the wonderful pair of earrings, Aunty.

That was a wonderful meal, Usha. Thank you ever so much.

This expression is normally used when someone has done or given something for which your are very, very grateful. The more common ways of thanking people are: 'thanks', 'thank you', 'many thanks', 'thank you very much', 'thanks a lot', 'thanks a million', and 'thanks awfully'. 'Thanks a lot', 'thanks a million' and 'thanks awfully' should not be used in formal situations; they are colloquial expressions. But don't say 'thank you a lot' and 'thank you a million'."

"Go down with (V. Kulkarni, Nagpur)."

"You 'go down with' an illness.

Her son has gone down with dysentery.

For a couple of days, she was feeling awfully tired and finally went down with a flu.

"'Drop round' in 'She dropped round last evening'. (S. S. Bhatnagar, New Delhi)"

"'Drop round' means to visit someone without giving notice, without any appointment.

She dropped round on her way back from office.

'Drop in' and 'drop by' also mean the same as 'drop round'. 'Drop in' and 'drop by' are more frequently used.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

J.K. Rowling's 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was first published on this day in 1997. Quiz yourself on the book, and the subsequent film of the same name

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

Let's start with a simple and fun question. After the letters failed to reach Harry, which character travels to Harry's house to personally deliver the Hogwarts acceptance letter?

QUESTION 2

Which filmmaker had become a fan of the book series after his daughter persuaded him to read the first three books, leading him to call his agent to arrange a meeting at Warner Bros. to direct the film?

QUESTION 3

Another from the book's plot: what is the platform number to board the Hogwarts Express at King's Cross railway station?

QUESTION 4

The director of the film (answer to question 2) wanted Daniel Radcliffe to be cast for the role of Harry. Which previous work of Radcliffe had impressed the director to cast him for the role?

QUESTION 5

This character is a poltergeist who causes trouble in Hogwarts. Rik Mayall was cast for this character's role in the film, but his scenes were cut from the final film, which eventually led to the character being omitted from all the Harry Potter films that followed. What is the name of the character?

Visual question:
This actor essayed the role of one of the most famous characters in the whole series. However, after portraying the role for two films, he passed away, after which another actor played the role. Name both actors. Which is the character? AP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The place where India' s first Test match was held and its result. **Ans: At the iconic Lord's and India went down by 158 runs**

2. The two 'royals who stepped down for the Test and the veteran star who was chosen to lead. **Ans: Maharaja of Porbandar Natwarsinhji Bhavsinhji Sahib Bahadur and his brother-in-law Ghanshyamsinhji Daulatsinhji gave way for Cottari Kanakaiya Nayudu to helm the side**

3. The England captain who became 'infamously' famous later that year. **Ans: Douglas Jardine of 'Bodyline' fame**

4. The siblings who donned the India whites in the historic first Test. **Ans: Syed Nazir Ali and Syed Wazir Ali**

5. The distinction Bill Bowes shares with the 11 Indians who played in that match. **Ans: He was the lone English debutant!**

6. Lall Singh born in this country. **Ans: Malaysia**

Visual: Name this tearaway fast bowler. **Ans: Mohammad Nissar**

Early Birds: Prashant Nain| Vamsi Mamidala| M. Suresh Kumar| Tamal Biswas| Abhinav Satwat

Word of the day

Obeisance:
bending the head or body or knee as a sign of reverence or submission or shame or greeting; the act of obeying; dutiful or submissive behavior with respect to another person

Synonyms: obedience, bow

Usage: *They paid obeisance to the monarch.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/obeisancepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /əʊˈbeɪ.səns/, /əˈbeɪ.səns/

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Dengue: 5,374 cases and five deaths reported in State

A file photo of the area around a private building being fumigated to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes in Bengaluru.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid a surge in dengue cases in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday directed officials to intensify fever surveillance and take up all necessary precautionary measures to prevent spread of the vector-borne disease.

The Chief Minister, who convened a meeting of officials from the BBMP and the Department of Health and Family Welfare, directed them to conduct special source reduction activities every Friday, by involving urban local bodies and the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department.

Cases, deaths

A total of 5,374 cases and five deaths have been reported in the State till June 24. While Bengaluru, Chikkamagaluru, Mysuru, Haveri, Shivamogga, Chitradurga, and Dakshina Kannada districts have reported a majority of the cases, 1,230 have been reported in BBMP limits alone.

While four of the deceased are children, one is a 32-year-old male. While two deaths have been reported from Hassan, one each has been reported from Shivamogga, Dharwad, and Haveri.

Reviewing the situation, the Chief Minister directed the officials to ensure availability of beds, drugs, testing kits, and other required equipment in all government hospitals. "According to the Government of India's guidelines, the dengue case fatality rate (CFR) should not exceed 0.5%. Karnataka's current dengue CFR is 0.09%, which is far less than the prescribed limit," the Chief Minister said.

He also directed the officials to conduct door-to-door surveys and create awareness among the public by roping in Accredited Social Health Activists, nursing students, NSS students, and other volunteers.

Increase testing

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who held a meeting with Health officials prior to the Chief Minister's meeting, instructed them to test all those who report with dengue-like symptoms.

Police shoot at habitual offender who tired to escape from custody

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Madhugiri police opened fire and caught a 34-year-old habitual offender, who in a bid to escape from police custody allegedly attacked a constable while being escorted to the station on Tuesday.

The accused identified as Rizwan, a resident of Hindupur, has over 15 cases of chain snatching and robbery and was on the run. He was tracked down and arrested in Hoskote.

While being escorted to the station for inquiry, the accused allegedly requested the police to stop the vehicle near Seegehalli gate to relieve himself.

Considering his request, constable Ramesh escorted him, but Rizwan allegedly attacked Ramesh with a beer bottle found on the side of the road and tried to escape, the police claimed.

Inspector Hanumantharayappa reportedly warned Rizwan to stop and fired a few rounds in the air as a warning before shooting at his leg. Both the injured Rizwan and constable Ramesh were rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Rizwan along with his associate Chinna was involved in a series of chain-snatching incidents in the area for the past few months and was on the run.

Based on the information he gave, the police have recovered 480 grams of gold valuables and are further investigating the cases against him.

Udupi gang war case: Two accused to be shifted to another prison

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

In view of the reported assault attempt by two accused persons in the recent Udupi gang war case on district jail superintendent and personnel, the jurisdictional court ordered shifting them to another prison.

Udupi district jail officials said the accused, Mohammed Ashique and Mohammed Saklen, would be shifted to a central jail as directed by the department. The accused had allegedly attempted to assault the jail personnel on Monday.

They reportedly verbally abused duty jailer S.A. Shirola for frivolous reason.

They also allegedly pushed personnel when being taken away from the jail superintendent's office. It was alleged that Saklen tried to assault the personnel, including Superintendent Siddarama B. Patil, with the wooden chair in his barrack and also with kitchen equipment.

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1	2	3	4	5	6
99	178-178-166	Private	Dry	0.005125	N.R Srivathsa bin Raghavendra shetty
100	18-101-89-1496	Private	Dry	2.7E-05	Famida Begum C/o Abdul Rahim
101	18-355-321	Private	Dry	0.0022	Krishnamurthi
102	18-359-319-536	Private	Dry	0.001084	C.L Venkatagiri bin Laxmi Narayana
103	181-155-784	Private	Dry	0.000652	K.Ramachandra Nayak
104	19-101-88-1495	Private	Dry	4.9E-05	K.C Panchakshari bin Chidambara
105	19-355-321	Private	Dry	0.000832	Gundamma
106	19-360-320-537	Private	Dry	0.0008	Dr.B.S Krishna bin B.N Subramanya
107	190-163-792	Private	Dry	0.0016	M.K Ganapathi
108	195-167-796	Private	Dry	0.00186	Rajeshwari
109	197-169-793	Private	Dry	0.0007	Narayana Shet bin Hanumanthappa
110	198-181-181-586	Government	Dry	0.085611	Municipal court
111	2-480-480-442/2	Private	Dry	0.0918797	NA
112	2-480-480-444	Private	Dry	0.001018	CMC Land
113	2-480-480-444	Private	Dry	0.00204	S .Shyamarao bin subbarao
114	20-357-323	Private	Dry	0.001088	Savitha B.R
115	20-361-321-538	Private	Dry	0.00113	Prabhu.k. Ramachandra & Others
116	20-361-321-538	Private	Dry	0.000498	C.Shridhar Shetty bin C.Venkatachal Shetty
117	200-347-317	Private	Dry	0.001948	Syed Riyaz
118	202-1140-1140/1	Private	Dry	0.000996	B.G Ashok
119	211-218-204	Private	Dry	0.000152	Reshma Hasar
120	213-211-199	Private	Dry	0.000272	Vijaya C/o Raju
121	218-438-438-391	Private	Dry	0.000729	Madhura N Bhat W/O Narayana bhat
122	219-219-207	Private	Dry	0.002511	K.N Keshav Pai
123	22-22-1437	Private	Dry	0.00061	Stevan Rodriges
124	22-22-20	Private	Dry	0.000468	Jnaneshwar (Chetan Udyog)
125	22-222-208	Private	Dry	0.005773	Jeorge Rodriges
126	22-358-324	Private	Dry	0.003796	R.Chandrashekhar Balegara
127	22-363-323-549	Private	Dry	0.000463	Malathi C/o G.Veerendra
128	220-220-208	Private	Dry	0.00169	Nagaratnamma D/o Nagappa
129	23-364-325-541	Private	Dry	0.000872	Raghuveendra Prabhu
130	233-4-199/1	Private	Dry	0.0004	CMC Land
131	24-365-325-542	Private	Dry	0.000682	Shree Achutha S, Ananth S ,Kanth S
132	242-271-347/1-317/1	Private	Dry	0.00229	Rihaana Bhanu, Syed Ishak Ahmed, Syed Tabreez, Nisha Begham
133	247-241-51-446/10	Private	Dry	0.000349	Laxmi
134	247-241-51-446/11	Private	Dry	0.000349	Laxmi
135	247-241-51-446/11	Private	Dry	0.000359	Laxmi
136	247-241-51-446/8	Private	Dry	0.001074	Laxmi
137	247-241-51-446/9	Private	Dry	0.000331	Laxmi
138	248-213-134/1-547	Private	Dry	0.03104	Syed jahoora Ahmed bin syed iqbal
139	25-362-328	Private	Dry	0.003609	Bheem Rao K
140	26-363-326-362-328	Private	Dry	0.001128	K.Venkatesh
141	26-367--327-544	Private	Dry	0.00077	Laxmi Bai
142	27-368-328-545	Private	Dry	0.000979	Shanthabayi C/o Devidas Pai
143	274-250/A and 277-250/3	Private	Dry	0.000918	S H Abdulla
144	275-252	Private	Dry	0.001662	Syed abbas
145	"276-250/1B and 2014-276-250/2"	Private	Dry	0.00025	Gafar khan
146	28-369-329-546	Private	Dry	0.000891	R. Manjunath Bapath bin Ramarao
147	29-320-330-547	Private	Dry	0.000591	M.R Eshwarappa bin Mallikarjunappa
148	3-138-138-236	Private	Dry	0.000387	S K Irshad Ahmed
149	3-485-485-449	Private	Dry	0.000734	H.Venkatesh Kamath
150	3-91-81-713	Private	Dry	0.0032	Ramamani .S
151	30-371-332-548	Private	Dry	0.00093	Narasimha Bhatt bin Venkatadas Bhatt
152	31-372-331/A-548/A	Private	Dry	0.000351	Raghuveendra Bhatt bin Venkatadas Bhatt
153	32-373-333-549	Private	Dry	0.000862	Madhava Bhatt bin Venkatdas Bhatt
154	33-374-333-550	Private	Dry	0.000394	Vinod R N bin Ramachandra Nayak
155	332-327/1-296/1	Private	Dry	0.001009	CMC Land
156	333-327/2/296/2	Private	Dry	0.00153	CMC Land
157	34-375-334-551	Private	Dry	0.00043	Krishna Bachayya Shetty
158	36-1/1-476-577	Private	Dry	0.001042	Nagaraja bin B Gopalappa
159	36-36-34 and 37-37-35	Private	Dry	0.0018	Ramanatha M.Balegara bin manjappa Parvathamma C/o Shivaji Rao & Keshav moorthy
160	37-378-336-553/1-552/1	Private	Dry	0.00109	H N Umesha bin Narayana sharma
161	37-80-71-4778/1	Private	Dry	0.000437	Jaya Co Rajendra Pai
162	38-379-337-554	Private	Dry	0.000934	J Venkatesh Subbaraya
163	38-498-498-461	Private	Dry	0.000937	Madhava Shanthayya
164	38-79-70-1478	Private	Dry	6.6E-05	Savitha C/o Premanatha
165	"386-364-364-326 386-364-364-326"	Private	Dry	0.0026	Santhanu Bai
166	39-380-338	Private	Dry	0.000768	Kamakshi and Ramanatha Nayak
167	39-78-69/1-1877/1	Private	Dry	4.6E-05	Siddique bin Abdul Rehaman
168	4-487-451	Private	Dry	0.000623	Nagesh Rao bin shankara shet
169	4-88-78-711	Private	Dry	0.001865	Ganesh
170	40-40-38	Private	Dry	0.001348	Rehana C/o Saleem Khureshi
171	40-77-69-1477	Private	Dry	0.00022	G. Moorthy Ganapathi Achar
172	"41-386-344-581 and 41-386-344-381/1"	Private	Dry	0.00058	P.R Subbarao bin M.K Ramappa
173	41-45-45	Private	Dry	0.00459	Muslim Khabrastan
174	41-74-66-1474	Private	Dry	0.0009	Anna merry Goms
175	43-389-347-563	Private	Dry	0.0002	Srinivas moorthy bin H.N Manjappa
176	"43-389-347-563 and 221-449-449-563/1"	Private	Dry	0.000594	Laxminarayana & Siddappa
177	437-186/1-159/1-788/1	Private	Dry	0.000488	S.S Vasudevappa
178	44-390-348-564	Private	Dry	0.00045	S.R Manjappa bin Ramappa
179	441/2-441/2-577/2	Private	Dry	0.000637	J. Manohar bin Gopalappa
180	45-391-349-365	Private	Dry	0.000847	M Nagabhushan bin M.N Manjappa
181	464-283/1-1209/1-453	Private	Dry	0.000996	Ramesh h Ramachandra rao
182	47-350-350-366	Private	Dry	0.005048	Suryanarayana manchale
183	48-394-351/1-567/1	Private	Dry	0.00221	Umapathi Tiwari bin Rajendra Tiwari
184	485-485-348	Private	Dry	0.002647	Ramamoorthi rao
185	49-393-351-587	Private	Dry	0.0014	Sharadha V Gowda
186	5-140-140-236	Private	Dry	0.000344	Ramesh R Eshwarappa
187	5-486-486-450	Private	Dry	0.000969	Raghavendra N Shet
188	5-5	Private	Dry	0.001241	M.Ramesh
189	5-87-77-710	Private	Dry	0.002714	Devappa Gudigar
190	50-396-355-570	Private	Dry	0.001	L N Suresh Babu
191	504-504-467	Private	Dry	0.000969	Rehamuth Neena C/o Adamkhan
192	52-395-352-568	Private	Dry	0.001582	M Shailendra Gupta
193	53-596-353-589	Private	Dry	0.001433	Ananda bin B Ganapathi
194	54-399-358-571	Private	Dry	0.000669	J Ganesh Shanbhag J Subray
195	55-400-357-572	Private	Dry	0.001183	J Venkatesh Shyanbhag
196	559	Private	Dry	0.001522	Sudhakar
197	56-401-358-573	Private	Dry	0.001057	J Venkatesh Shyanbhag & Others
198	57-402-359-574	Private	Dry	0.002393	Prashanth jadav R bin R Y Jadav
199	58-403-360-575	Private	Dry	0.002497	Amodha K bin Ashoka
200	6-141-141-237	Private	Dry	0.0003	G Lokesh Chawan
201	6-488-488-452	Private	Dry	0.000576	H.Puttaswamy bin Halappa
202	6-85-75-708	Private	Dry	0.002444	Usha w/o Harish
203	62-308-276	Private	Dry	0.002982	Ibhrahim bin kodi Mohammed
204	63-24-24	Private	Dry	0.00173	K.N Chandrashekhar Narayana bhatta
205	63-309-277	Private	Dry	0.001126	Subbayya Shetty
206	63-310-278	Private	Dry	0.000928	Yellamma Raman
207	65-311-279	Private	Dry	0.001049	Shahanaj C/o Arif
208	66-312-280	Private	Dry	0.001687	Keshava Marate,Narayana Marate,Nilakanta marate
209	67-313-281	Private	Dry	0.001308	Vasanth Ganapathi
210	67-4-4-380	Private	Dry	0.001546	Nagaraj Sabhahith Mallik Arecanut pvt ltd
211	69-48-48	Private	Dry	0.002594	Dr. Rajanandini
212	69-5-5-379	Private	Dry	0.001266	Sharmila R bhat H B Raveesha Bhatta
213	7-142-238	Private	Dry	0.000273	H L Kareem Sheik
214	7-490-490-454	Private	Dry	0.000462	Krishnamoorthy bin Subrao Shet
215	70-133-230	Private	Dry	0.001141	H G Gururaj
216	70-500-501-379/1	Private	Dry	0.001248	M S Arun kumar bin Marthappa Shet
217	71-132-132	Private	Dry	0.001	S.Mohammed Haneef
218	71-318-286	Private	Dry	0.001441	Kamalamma Ganesh
219	71-6-6-380	Private	Dry	0.000257	Kiran kumar bin sk Manjunath shet
220	72-118-101-732	Private	Dry	0.004261	Special Land Acquisition Officers office
221	72-319-287	Private	Dry	0.001084	N Ganesh
222	73-10-10-384	Private	Dry	0.000673	B.R Ningappa bin Rammayya
223	73-10-10-384	Private	Dry	0.001385	Giridhar rao bin Sundar rao
224	73-130-130	Private	Dry	0.000625	K Prakash Prabhu bin S K Narayan Prabhu
225	73-131-131	Private	Dry	0.000696	M Venkatesh bin Manjappa
226	73-320-288	Private	Dry	0.001719	N Suryakanth
227	74-129-129	Private	Dry	0.001319	Abdul Hameed Khan
228	74-321-289	Private	Dry	0.001719	Vanajakshi Sk Chandra
229	75-322-290	Private	Dry	0.001681	M S Shivakumar
230	75-8-8-382	Private	Dry	0.000843	Hary louis farnandis
231	76-323-291	Private	Dry	0.002208	Laxmamma C/o Panduranga
232	77-13-12-386	Private	Dry	0.001695	K H Haroon K Hasan
233	77-254-254	Private	Dry	8.5E-05	B.S Yashodha
234	77-324-292	Private	Dry	0.001435	Sharif Ahamed Akram
235	77-324-293	Private	Dry	0.000478	Sharif Ahamed Akram
236	78-13-13-387	Private	Dry	0.001796	Hilarinajruth and others
237	78-255-1347	Private	Dry	0.000173	Parvathi Alias Vijay
238	79-14-14-388	Private	Dry	0.001962	Lilly Maneges Pandru hendru maeges
239	79-256-1350	Private	Dry	0.001388	S.K Afthab
240	79-326-297	Private	Dry	0.003787	Apmc
241	8-491-491-455	Private	Dry	0.000445	Nagaraju,Ganapathi
242	8-8-8	Private	Dry	0.002621	A Suresh Shetty & A Sathish Shetty
243	8-84-74-707	Private	Dry	0.002854	Krishnaveeni & R.K. Aravind

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NIMHANS develops yoga module that can reduce opioid dependence

The Hindu Bureau
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A yoga module developed by the Integrated Centre for Yoga of National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) can be used as a low-cost and low-risk adjunct therapy to reduce substance use among Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) patients.

According to the Department of Science and Technology, opioids are natural, semi-synthetic, or synthetic chemicals that interact with opioid receptors in the body and brain and reduce the perception of pain. "Opioid use disorder is a severe substance use disorder. Dependence may be on prescription opioids (drugs such as codeine, tramadol, tapentadol, morphine) often given to ameliorate pain or street opioids (such as heroin, brown sugar)," the department said.

It added that the body becomes used to opioids and it can lead to severe withdrawal symptoms such as watering through eyes and nose, severe body aches, flu-like symptoms, sleeplessness, anxiety, and irritability. With chronic use, it can cause impairment in cognition, sexual dysfunction, severe impairment of social and occupational functions, and adds to the financial burden. In order to find an alternative to opioids for pain control, a study to develop a yoga module to reduce opioid use was carried out by Dr. Hemant Bhargav from Integrated Centre for Yoga, NIMHANS.

The yoga for substance use module developed with support from Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM) programme of DST was tested for feasibility of application through telemode and inter-therapist reliability was established.

It was found that yoga increases gamma-aminobutyric acid levels in the brain, as well as oxytocin which contributes in the management of opioid withdrawal symptoms and the attenuation of relapse. It has also been found to be useful in enhancing prefrontal activation, reducing impulsivity, and promoting positive behavioural changes with better self-regulation.

In the initial clinical case study with nine-month follow-up, the module was found suitable for bringing relief to patients suffering from opioid dependence.

Subsequently, a randomised controlled trail was performed with 60 subjects divided into two groups. One group performed yoga in addition to standard therapy, while another group took up exercise in addition to standard therapy.

After the 12 weeks of intervention, it was observed that subjects in the yoga group were 2.68 times more likely to show negative urine screening for opioids than the exercise group.

PGCET-2024 postponed

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The PGCET-2024 to determine the eligibility for admission to MBA, MCA, ME/MTech/MArchitecture courses has been postponed, the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) stated on Tuesday.

H. Prasanna, Executive Director, KEA, said in a press release that the decision has been taken as the final semester exams in a few universities have been scheduled from July 5 and 10.

It has been informed that the revised dates will be published on the KEA website in due course.

Eligible candidates, who have not registered till now, can apply online from June 26 to July 7 and pay the fees July 9.

It has been clarified that the dates will not be extended further to register online.

For updated information candidates have been advised to check the KEA website http://kea.kar.nic.in.

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RISE	23:30	SET	10:51
FRIDAY, JUN. 28			
RISE	05:57	SET	18:49
RISE	00:00	SET	11:47

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Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	30	21
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
30°C Morning will be pleasant Day will be slight warm and humid. Spell of light rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid Night will be pleasant Spell of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds will occur.

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247	81-258-1353	Private	Dry	0.00085	Syed Iqbal
248	82-17-17-391	Private	Dry	0.00071	Prakash kadil bin k chennabasappa
249	82-259-1355	Private	Dry	0.001131	Syed Nissar
250	83-260-1358	Private	Dry	0.000395	Mohammed ilyas
251	83/1-73/1-706/1	Private	Dry	0.002039	Keshava Hebbar
252	84-105-97	Private	Dry	0.001587	Gangambike G Sushilamma
253	84-19-19-393	Private	Dry	0.008011	Manjilesha-e-Monthejima jamayath muslim meen (R)
254	84-261-1358/1	Private	Dry	0.000375	Mukthiyar Ahmed
255	85-267-1366/1	Private	Dry	0.00042	Thangamma
256	86-262-1359	Private	Dry	0.00056	Fayaz Ahmed
257	87-108-100	Private	Dry	0.004547	Raju bin Yallappa
258	88-263-1361	Private	Dry	0.000494	Fayaz Ahmed
259	88-269-1367/1	Private	Dry	0.000496	Shafeeq Ahmed
260	89-2121-1437/4	Private	Dry	0.000566	Agataha Rodrigues Joseph Rodrigues
261	89-268-268	Private	Dry	0.000565	Abdul Jabbar Khan
262	9-83-73-706	Private	Dry	0.0009	Keshava Hebbar
263	90-20-20-1437/3	Private	Dry	0.000431	Robert Rodrigues
264	90-270-270	Private	Dry	0.00205	Sarashwathi C/o Thammayya
265	91-19-19-1437/2	Private	Dry	0.000472	Aloka Meleen Amrutha
266	91-271-271	Private	Dry	0.002385	Sheikh Nazeer Ahmed
267	91-87-719	Private	Dry	0.00432	Vinay & Hemkeshwarappa
268	92-18-1437	Private	Dry	0.000438	Francis Rodrigues
269	92-272-1372	Private	Dry	0.001499	Nazeer Ahmed
270	92-87/1-719/1	Private	Dry	0.0009	CMC
271	93-274-1374	Private	Dry	0.000462	Madhusudhan Shanbhag
272	94-276-1375/1	Private	Dry	0.000464	Safura C/o M Hussain
273	95-278-1378	Private	Dry	0.002162	H.B Venkatesh bin Manohar
274	96-277-1376	Private	Dry	0.002	A B Jayanna
275	98-171-148-777	Private	Dry	0.003373	R.G Bapat
276	w8-101-96-722	Private	Dry	0.000753	S.D Shrinivas
277	w8-102-91-723	Private	Dry	0.000762	S.Ramachandra
278	w8-103-92-724	Private	Dry	0.001281	R.Manjunatha
279	w8-106-94-725	Private	Dry	0.000862	R.Ramakrishna
280	w8-106-94-725	Private	Dry	0.000613	R.Ramakrishna
281	w8-110-98-729	Private	Dry	0.002536	Zahir Ahmed
282	w8-111-99/1-730	Private	Dry	0.00171	Zahir Ahmed
283	w8-124-107-738	Private	Dry	0.0065	Veerabhadra Shetty & others
284	w8-125-109-740	Private	Dry	0.002295	J.P Sadhana suma dinesh S.Sandhya N
285	w8-127-110-741	Private	Dry	0.001984	Sumana J H
			Total	0.9541637	

[F. No. RW/NH/206/KNT/2020/21/921/3D]
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail : ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-01/2024-25

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:

2. Nature of work	:	**Road works**
3. No. of work	:	**20 Nos.**
4. Tender Paper Cost	:	**Rs.10,000.00**
5. Class of Contractor	:	**'A' Class / Special Class / Super Class**
6. Available of bid document in the website.	:	From **10.00 A.M. of 01.07.2024** to **05.30 PM of 18.07.2024.**
7. Date of opening of Bid	:	**Dt.19.07.2024 at 11.30 AM**

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha (I/C)
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA, NIRMAN SOUDHA, BHUBANESWAR.
B-43 : OIPR-34111/11/0001/2425

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT BIDAR
No.ZPB/DRDA/NRLM/DMMU/TMMU/CR-18/A/2020-21 Date : 20/06/2024

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement) ::

Sub.: E-Tender for Engaging Human Resource Agency under NRLM Zilla Pachayat Bidar– Reg.

Request for Proposal is invited from eligible Agencies/ Firms for providing manpower services for Sanjeevini – KSRLPS, under NRLM Zilla Pachayat Bidar Competent Agencies/ Firms can submit the RFP in the prescribed formats should be submitted through **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** before **5:30 P.M on 24.07.2024.** For more details like objective & scope of work, Technical Evaluation criteria, Formats for submission of Technical and Financial proposals, see the RFP document available in **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Interested agencies can also attend the pre-bid meeting on **20.07.2024** after prior intimation.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer
Zilla Panchayat, Bidar
DIPR/Bidar/24/KSMC&A/2024-25

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD, KALBURAGI DIVISION, KALBURAGI
Executive Engineer, Mini Vidhan Soudha Opposite, Aiwan-E-Shai Road, Kalburagi – 585 102. Tel –08472-220815, Fax-08472-220816, Email. – kwbeegbg@rediffmail.com
No. KWB/EEK/TEC/JE-1/YDG-DC-works/2024-25/777 Date: 25-06-2024

SHORT TERM BID NOTIFICATION (Through KP-procurement Portal Only)

The Item Rate e – Tenders are invited from the firms / contractors who satisfy the Eligibility Criteria for the following works as detailed below:
1) Name and description of work: DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF GREY WATER TREATMENT PLANT OF 250 KLD CAPACITY FOR TREATMENT OF OPEN DRAIN SEWAGE WATER USING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY IN YADGIR CITY UNDER DC WORKS OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT (NITI AYOGA). 2) Approximate value of work (Rs.):Total value for two works-Rs. **85,99,743.00,** 3) Earnest Money Deposit(Rs.) : Rs.1,72,000.00, 4) Tender Processing Fee : As per KPP-procurement portal, 5) Period for completion Including monsoon (Months) : **Six** Months including Monsoon, 6) Contact for Information : Office of the Executive Engineer KUWS & D Board, Division Kalaburagi Mini Vidhan Soudha Opposite, Aiwan-E-Shai Road, Kalaburagi - 585103, 7) Date and time for commencement of downloading of tender documents from the e-procurement portal : **26-06-2024 13.00 Hrs.** onward, 8) Last date & time for submission/uploading of the tender document in the e-procurement portal : **10-07-2024 up to 17.00 Hrs.** 9) Date & time of opening of the technical tenders: **12-07-2024 After 11:00 hrs.** 10) Date & time of opening of the financial tenders: **15-07-2024 After 11:00 hrs.** 11) Website Address : **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KUWS & D Board, Division Kalaburgi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/124/KSMC&A/2024-25

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-1,BSWML, 1st Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052
No:DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/02/2024-25 Date:25.06.2024

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFT) Short Term Bid Notification
(Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

1.The Grants have been Provided under 15th Finance Commission & Shubra Bengaluru Grants for the works mentioned in the table below and accordingly action plan for the same has been approved by the Government.
2.In this regard, The Deputy General Manager, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites bids from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit bids for works given in the table through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. https://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in) The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause-3 as per KW-4 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
3.Bid documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka.
4.Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Amount put to bid (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Stipulated completion period (including monsoon period)
1	Providing fire fighting equipments in the DWCC to reduce the fire hazard caused (CALL-4)	**400.00** (Including GST)	**Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under one of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs. 5,00,000/-** by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank.	6 Months

1.Pre bid meeting will be held on **02.07.2024at 15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
2.Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the KPP portalhttps://KPPP.karnataka.gov.inas per tender document **on or before 16:00 hours of 10.07.2024.** The Technical bid will be opened through kpp-portal only on **11.07.2024 after 16:30 hours** at the stipulated venue. through kpp-portal in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to attend the opening process. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
3.The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidders. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the KPP portal for the latest information related to the bids, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. KPP portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The bidders are required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the bids. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPP portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPP portal only.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager -1, BSWML
DIPR/CP/572/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited for the following works through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** : (1) No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1474/CALL-2 Dated: 20.06.2024 for **Wagon Tippler-5 side beam repair/ rectification work.** Total Tender Amount: **Rs. 35,63,600/-,** EMD: **Rs. 71,300/-. (2)** No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1588, Dated: 20.06.2024 for **Dismantling & Re-erection of Apron feeder 4&5 sprocket hub assembly.** Total Tender Amount: **Rs. 11,74,100/-.** EMD: **Rs. 30,000/-.** (3) No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_ INDENT1199/CALL-2, Dated: 20.06.2024 for **Supply, Erection/modification/ rerouting of Hydrant/Spray/Hydrant Booster pipeline and testing & commissioning with existing pipelines of Fire protection system at BTPS.** Tender Amount: **Rs. 29,77,742/-.** EMD: **59,555/-.** Contract Period: **180 days.** (4) No. KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_ INDENT1581, Dated: 20.06.2024 for **Cpmprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) of CCTV Cameras at BTPS and Maralihalla Pump House for a period of One year.** Last date for submission of bids up to: **17.00 Hrs on 28.06.2024 for** Sl.No. (1), **17.00 Hrs on 27.06.2024 for** Sl.No. (2), **17.00 Hrs on 06.07.2024 for** Sl.No. (3) and **16.30 Hrs on 06.07.2024 for** Sl.No. (4). Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer(CHP)Mechanical-2, M.No. 9448290759** for Sl.No. (1) & (2), **Executive Engineer (Safety), M.No. 9448290770** for Sl.No. (3), and **Executive Engineer(Systems), M.No. 9449127968/ 9480830423** for Sl.No. (4), **BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152, Bellary District, Karnataka.**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Health Officer (West), Bhashyam Park, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore -560 020.
No.: ZC(W)/PR/265/2024-25 Date:24.06.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Health Officer, (West) invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the services detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1.	Providing Manpower to Mosquito Control activities in Ward No. 124 (Subhashnagar), Ward No. 135 (Dr. Rajkumar , Agrahara Dasarahalli), Ward No. 136 (Govindarajanagar), Ward No. 137 (Marenahalli), Ward No. 138 (Kaveripura), Ward No. 139 (Moodalapalya), Ward No. 140 (Maruthi Mandira), Ward No. 143 (Nayandahalli), Ward No. 46 (Rajeev Nagara), Ward No. 47 (Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar), Ward No. 50 (Nalvadi Krishnaraja Odeyar), Ward No. 51 (Shankarmutt), Ward No. 53 (Vrishabha vathinagar), Ward No. 129 (Dayananda nagar), Ward No. 133 (Basaveshwara nagar), Ward No. 134 (Kamakshipalya) in West Zone on out source basis. Providing 2 Auto with 2 Drivers and 2 Spray Men for Mosquito Control Activity (Power Spraying, Fogging, Source Reduction, IEC) in Rajajinagar Constituency, Mahalakshmi Layout Constituency & Govindarajanagar Constituency.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal from **: 26.06.2024 onwards. 2)** Last date and time for uploading Online Queries: **29.06.2024 upto 5.30 p.m. 3)** Pre bid meeting : **01.07.2024, 11.00 a.m. 4)** Last date for uploading of tenders: **10.07.2024 upto 5.00 p.m. 5)** Date of opening of Technical Bid : **12.07.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK KPP website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Health Officer, West Zone.

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NO:No: BUDA/BLY/Engg/ 01/Actionplan/2024-25
DATE:24/06/2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner, Ballari Urban Development Authority, HRG Circle Ballari invites the tender for the work detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, Trough e-Procurement portal. Two Cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tenders can submit their tenders for the work noted in the below table. The tender documents can be downloaded from the website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ . For any additional information the tenders may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.

Note: Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers Can view in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.
Details of Work: 1.BUDA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT34 **Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs):** 24.99. 2.BUDA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT35 **Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs):** 19.00. 3.BUDA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT36 **Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs):** 49.95. 4.BUDA/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT3/CALL-2 **Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs):** 415.65
The Tender Events are as under: a) Pre-Bid Meeting for Work Sl No 4: **23-07-2024 up to 11:30 Hrs.** b) Last Dates for Queries (through e-procurement Portal).1) Sl No 1 to 3, 2) Sl No 4 **1)08-07-2024 up to 16:30 Hrs. 2)24-07-2024 Up to 16:30 Hrs.** c) Last Date for submission of Tenders through e-procurement Portal.1) Sl No 1 to 3, 2) Sl No 4 **1)09-07-2024 up to 16:30 Hrs. 2)25-07-2024 up to 16:30 Hrs.** d) Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bids 1) Sl No 1 to 3, 2) Sl No 4 **1)11-07-2024 at 10:30 Hrs. 2)27-07-2024 at 10:30 Hrs.** e) Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bids 1) Sl No 1 to 3, 2) Sl No 4 **1)15-07-2024 at 10:30 Hrs 2)01-08-2024 at 10:30 Hrs.**

Sd/-Commissioner.,
Ballari Urban Development Authority, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/158/KSMCA/2024-25

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Buoyed by response, UAS-B to hold 'Products Santhe' on its campus on the last Saturday of every month

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

Enthused by the response to the recently held fair of its range of products, the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bangalore has decided to make it a regular feature by holding such fairs once a month.

The UAS-B organised a fair of various products and produce from its divisions on its campus on June 22. As against the expectation of 3,000 to 5,000 visitors, the fair saw over 15,000 people turning up and an estimated total business of over ₹1.5 lakh.

People at the 'Products Santhe' organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bangalore recently.

"A large number of visitors requested us to consider holding such an event regularly as they liked our quality products, ranging from honey to ghee, millet products and leafy vegetables, handmade soaps to bio-fertilizers. Following this, the university has decided to hold such a fair on the last Saturday of every month on the campus," UAS-B Vice-Chancellor S.V. Suresha told *The Hindu*. The university is holding a meeting soon to finalise details of the proposed event which is the first such initiative among the agriculture and allied universities in Karnataka.

Unlike the experimental one held recently, the proposed regular fair will be more organised and broad-based, Dr. Suresha said, while pointing out that it would accommodate the produce of farmer producers' organisations and SHGs, and innovative farmers identified by krishi vigyan kendras.

"We are planning to hold the fairs at the place earmarked for the annual krishi mela. Organisations and farmers would be allowed to sell their produce without any rent," he said.

At the same time, the university will use the occasion to popularise its various technologies and facilities among farmers and other stakeholders, including he public, he noted.

The university is also working on setting up a centre to provide information related to its technologies, facilities and other related things during the fair to the general public.

Earning opportunity

The proposed fair will also provide an opportunity for students of the university to earn while learning as they would be allowed to sell their products as part of their educational requirements.

"The university students will have to work on various products as part of hands-on training programme. This includes bakery products, apiculture related work, growing leafy vegetables. The university will deduct the cost of inputs provided by it them to make the products/produce and allow them to keep the remaining money from the sales proceeds," he explained.

BJP leaders honour K. Narahari

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the occasion of the anniversary of enforcing of the Emergency, a delegation of BJP leaders led by Tamil Nadu BJP State President K. Annamalai visited the residence of veteran leader K. Narahari, who had fought against the Emergency, in Bengaluru on Tuesday and honoured him.

Mr. Annamalai also participated in a discussion on "Emergency: An insult to the Constitution" that had been organised by the Citizens for Social Justice in Bengaluru.

Disruption in power supply today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There will be a disruption in power supply on Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the areas serviced from 220/66/11 kV Hebbal station for carrying out Tan-Delta Tests and other related works.

According to a press release from BESCOM, Hebbal Division, the areas affected are: Ganganagar, Lakshmaiah, Block, Weaver Colony, Muniramaiah Block, UAS campus, Dinnur Main Road, R.T. Nagar, HMT Layout, Kausarnagar, Muninanjappa Block, Chamundinagar, Ex Servicemen Colony, R.T. Nagar Police station, Nrupathunga Layout, Krishnappa Block, CBI Main Road, parts of MLA Road, Venugopala Layout, Judges Layout, Netaji Nagar, Vinayaka Layout, 1st Stage, Muniswamy Gowda Layout, Ganganagar Market, Doddappa Block, Cholanayakanahalli, AGS Colony, SBM Colony, Anandagiri Extension, Guddadahalli Road, Subramani Colony, Kuntigrama, KEB Layout, Sanjaynagar, AECS Layout, and other places.

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Nagasandra-Madavara stretch likely to be opened by Sept.-end

Construction of the fully elevated northern extension of Green Line from Nagasandra, spanning 3.7 km, commenced in 2017

Although it was scheduled for completion by mid-2019, the project faced setbacks due to delays in land acquisition, resulting in missing multiple deadlines. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Commercial operations on the 3.7-km Green Line extension of Namma Metro from Nagasandra to Madavara in north Bengaluru are unlikely to begin before the end of September, as testing of various equipment and infrastructure is pending, according to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) officials. Construction began in 2017, but work has been delayed. After missing multiple deadlines, commercial operations were expected to start by the end of July this year. Now, that seems unlikely.

A BMRCL official said, "Work on the track has been completed. The line will undergo testing over the next two months. We expect to commence operations by the end of September. Following trial runs and an inspection by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety, the line will be opened for revenue services."

Construction of the fully elevated northern extension of Green Line from Nagasandra, spanning three kilometres, commenced in 2017. Although it was scheduled for completion by mid-2019, the project faced setbacks owing to delays in land acquisition, resulting in missing multiple deadlines.

The delay in the metro project on this section is attributed to the slow process of land acquisition from NICE and the effects of the covid pandemic. The elevated route from Nagasandra to Madavara will have three stations – Manjunathnagar, Chikkabidarakallu, and Madavara. The segment offers a link to Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) on Tumakuru Road, a major exhibition venue in the city.

In January 2021, the BMRCL opened the southern extension of Green Line, running from Yelachenahalli to Silk Institute on Kanakapura Road. When the line is further extended to Madavara (BIEC), the entire Green Line will span 33 kilometres.

People living in Manjunathanagar, Chikkabidarakallu, Madavara, Tumakuru Road, Anchepalya, and Jindal Nagar are eagerly anticipating the opening of this section, as they currently need to travel more than five kilometres to get to Nagasandra metro station.

Arun Kumar, a resident of Madavara said, "I am employed in the Rajaji Nagar Industrial Town. Commencement of the metro service would make it much easier for me to travel directly to Rajaji Nagar. At present, I depend on buses or my own two-wheeler to reach Nagasandra where I board the metro. Given the heavy traffic on Tumakuru Road, covering this 5-kilometre distance takes a minimum of 30 minutes."

Lavanya Rao, a student residing in Manjunathanagar, said, "My college is located in Malleswaram. I rely on BMTC feeder buses to get home from Nagasandra metro station. Extending the metro to Manjunathanagar would greatly benefit people like me."

BMRCL submits detailed project report for 37-km Hebbal-Sarjapur metro line

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has submitted the detailed project report (DPR) for the 37-km Hebbal-Sarjapur corridor to the State government for approval.

In July 2023, the State Budget included a proposal to construct a new metro line between Hebbal and Sarjapur, passing through Agara, Koramangala, and Dairy Circle, at an estimated cost of ₹28,405 crore.

A senior BMRCL official said that the DPR has been sent to the State government. Once approved, it will be forwarded to the Central government for final approval.

"The proposed metro line will cover several areas in the central business district. Approximately 16.8 km of the route, from Koramangala to Hebbal, will be underground. It will pass through key locations, such as Bellandur, Agara, St. John's Hospital, NIMHANS, Central College, Cunningham Road, and Mehkri Circle," an official said.

"The section from Sarjapur to Koramangala 3rd Block will have 15 elevated stations. From Koramangala 2nd Block to Veterinary College, the line will go underground, and will include 11 stations. There may be some changes to the DPR before it receives approval from the State government," the official added.

Meanwhile, Namma Metro Phase 3 project was approved by the Public Investment Board (PIB) of the Union government recently. Under this plan, 44.65 km of new metro line will be added to the network by 2028 at a cost of ₹15,611 crore. The proposed line will connect Hebbal to J.P. Nagar via Gorguntepalya, Magadi Road, Mysuru Road, and Kanakapura Road along the Outer Ring Road, covering a distance of 32.15 km. Additionally, a line connecting Hosahalli and Kadabagere via Magadi Road, spanning 12.5 km, has been approved.

A BMRCL official said that the PIB has cleared the DPR and approval is awaited from the Union Cabinet.

Push to promote Mysuru as a MICE destination

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The tourist arrival in Mysuru which hit an all time record of over 4 million during 2023-24, has witnessed a surge during the first few months of 2024-25.

Over a million tourists have already visited Mysuru between April and June 20 so far and the momentum that built the record footfall that was witnessed in 2023-24, seems to be continuing.

Given the positive trend, stakeholders want the government to promote Mysuru as a destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE).

Stakeholders want a convention centre at the Dasara Exhibition grounds to promote MICE tourism. M.A. SRIRAM

As per the statistics from the Mysuru Palace Board, more than 2.4 lakh tourists have visited the city so far till June 20 while 5.32 lakh tourists had visited Mysuru in May 2024 despite the prevailing high temperature.

Similarly, during the elections and the peak of summer in April, the city received over 2.92 lakh tourists and over 1 million people have visited the city.

At the current rate of tourist inflow, the 4 million arrivals will likely be the new benchmark for Mysuru. The previous peak tourist inflow was in 2017-18 when 3.86 million tourists visited Mysuru. But it has taken more than 15 years for the city to reach the 4 million mark from the 3 million as statistic available from 2012 onwards indicate. During 2012-13 the tourist arrival was pegged at 3.3 million and it has been a slow but a steady increase since then.

After reaching a high of 3.8 million in 2017-18, there was a decrease in footfall during 2018-19 and 2019-20. The sector went into a tailspin in 2020-21 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic when the tourist arrivals were only 7.08 lakh. But since then Mysuru tourism has bounced back and this year's figure till June 20 seems to be higher than average.

C. Narayana Gowda representing the hospitality sector said that the average occupancy rate in hotels in the city has surged to 50 per cent during weekdays and it is 100 per cent during weekends.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CIVIL JUDGE (JR. DIVISION) KANIGIRI, ANDHRA PRADESH
O.S.No. : 197/2019
Avula SubbaReddy ..... Plaintiff
-Vs-
Mudda Venkatesh ..... Defendant
SUIT SUMMONS

To
Mudda Venkatesh S/o Jakraiah, R/o H.No. 551, B.E.M.I. Nagar, Near Water Tank, K.G.F., Taluka, Kolar District, Karnataka State.

Take notice that the above named suit is filed for recovery of suit amount and it is posted along with I.A. No. : 156/2024 for your appearance on 07.08.2024 at 10:30 a.m. if you fail to appear you will be set ex-party and the Hon'ble court will proceed as per law on the material available on record (By order of the Hon'ble Court).

Sd/- Annapureddy Bal Reddy,
Advocate, Kanigiri
Date : 26-06-2024 Cell No. 9293335550

IN THE COURT OF VIII ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BENGALURU
G and WC 92/2023

BETWEEN: Kavya .G.A, W/o Arun Kumar .B.R, aged about 26 years, Now R/a No. 103, B Block, Cedar, BM Magnoliam Park Apartment, Immadihalli Main Road, Nagondanahalli, Bengaluru-560066. ... **PETITIONER**

AND: Arunkumar, S/o Ranganath, aged about 35 years, R/a No. 103, B Block Cedar, BM Magnoliam Park Apartment, Immadihalli Main Road, Nagondanahalli, Bengaluru-560066. Also residing at: #96, Bettadahalli, Tarikere Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District - 577228. ... **RESPONDENT**

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Whereas the Petitioner above named as instituted the aforesaid petition for appointment as guardian and for custody of her Son Ujwal B. A, therefore if anybody has objections they are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the petition or they shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all material question on **29/07/2024** at **11:00 clock** in forenoon to answer the same failing which the petition will be disposed off in their absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 25/06/2024

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bengaluru Rural Dist, Bengaluru

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IN THE COURT OF THE XXXI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-14)
O.S. No. 4796/2023
Hg. 19/08/2024

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 having its head office at and Zonal office at 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068. And also having branch at M.G. Road, Bengalure through its authorised representative Mr. Harish E. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Dinesh ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Dinesh, S/o. Sohanlal, Proprietor of Jagdamba Fashion, Aged About 33 Years, R/ at : No. 154/13, Old No. 36/1, "Raghavendra Nilaya", 2nd Stage, Okalipuram, Bangalore-560 021.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 10,98,107.81/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXXI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-14), in person or by a 19th August, 2024 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 20th day of June, 2024 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner
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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHATTA Halli Nagaraja Gowda Gowda, R/o 37/1, Near Kateramma Temple, D.B.Halli, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bluru-97 have changed my name to Raghu.BN (Raghu Bhattahalli Nagarajagowda) vide affidavit dt 24.06.24 before Notary S.Vijayakumar, Bluru

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE
(CCH-56) AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 2086/2023
H.g. 05/07/2024

BETWEEN
M/S. ICICI Bank Limited., Having its registered office at Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007. Having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, M.G. Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore-560025. And branch office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560 068. Rep by its authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali ...PLAINTIFF

AND

Smt. Prema L, D/o Lakshminarayan Lakkanna Aged about 41 years, Residing at No. 451/452/1, 13th Main, Bank Colony, Srinivasa Nagar, Bengaluru-560 050
Also at :
Tata Consultancy Services, P THINK Campus, 42 45-P, Hosur Road, Electronic City Phase-II, Bengaluru- 560 100
...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Smt. Prema L.
D/o Lakshminarayan Lakkanna, Aged about 41 years, Residing at No. 451/452/1, 13th Main, Bank Colony, Srinivasa Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 050

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of sum of Rs. 4,74,839/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before The LV ADDL. City Civil & Sessions Judge Court at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-56), in person or by a pleader, on the 05th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 A.M to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 31st day of May, 2024 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court,
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Poor inflows: CWMA asks Karnataka and T.N. to conserve water

It has decided to review the hydrological situation in its next meeting scheduled on July 26

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of the Cauvery at Muthathi village in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district.

Adopting a cautious approach in the wake of deficient inflows, the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) has directed both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to conserve water in all reservoirs of the Cauvery basin, for drinking water purpose and environmental flows for the sustenance of flora and fauna.

The CWMA, which met in New Delhi on Tuesday, has decided to review the hydrological situation in its next meeting scheduled on July 26, according to a communique from the Karnataka Water Resources Department.

State's submission

Earlier, Karnataka submitted that the cumulative inflows into all its four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin so far, since the beginning of the present water year (from June 1 to 24), was only 7.307 tmcft as against the 30-year average for this period which was 24.448 tmcft. The present inflows accounted for a dismal 29.887% of the 30-year average figures, it maintained.

At the same time, Tamil Nadu had utilised 35.565 tmcft of water from Mettur, Bhavani, and Amaravathy reservoirs from February 1 to May 31, despite the Cauvery Water Disputes' Tribunal not permitting it to take up any perennial crops, Karnataka contended.

It also said that despite the prevalence of 70.113% distress condition in all the four Cauvery basin reservoirs of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu had released a huge quantum of water into the river from its reservoirs amounting to 3.97 tmcft till the beginning of the water year.

On the contrary, Karnataka had not released water into its canals to conserve water in its reservoirs for the purpose of drinking, it said.

Karnataka appealed to the CWMA to take a considered decision with respect to the quantum of release of water from its reservoirs after watching the evolving situation till the end of July and taking stock of the hydrological scenario.

Behaviour of monsoon

Karnataka said it will consider the release of water according to the behaviour of the southwest monsoon and inflows to its reservoirs.

On its part, Tamil Nadu demanded that Karnataka should be directed to ensure the release of 5.367 tmcft of water in terms of flows at Biligundlu measuring gauge, to make up the shortfall as on June 24 and the flows for the remaining period of June.

It also sought that Karnataka should release 31.24 tmcft of water for July as prescribed by the CWDT and modified by the Supreme Court.

After hearing both States, the CWMA directed them to conserve water and decided to take stock of the hydrological situation after a month, stated the communique.

Another sex abuse case registered against Suraj

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Suraj Revanna

The Holenarsipur Rural police registered a second case of sex abuse against Suraj Revanna, JD(S) MLC, accusing him of sexually abusing a man, on Tuesday. A resident of Holenarsipur taluk, who was until recently identified as a close associate of the JD(S) legislator, filed the complaint with the police.

During pandemic

The complainant alleged that he was sexually abused by the accused three years ago, during the pandemic. The police registered it under Sections 377 (unnatural offences), 342 (wrongful confinement) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

In the first case, a youth from Arkalgud taluk alleged that the MLC sexually abused him and threatened him with murder at his farmhouse in Gannikada, Hassan district, on June 16. The case was registered on June 22.

Following this, the State government handed over the case to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). Now, the second FIR is also expected to be handed over to the CID for further investigation.

Role reversal

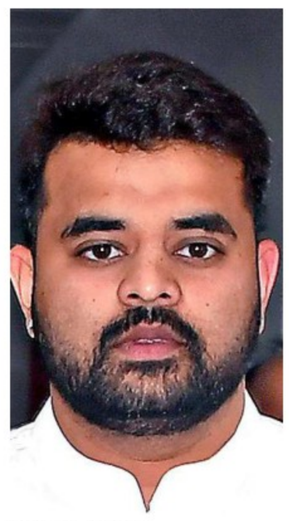
Interestingly, the complainant of the second case was also an accused in the first case filed against Dr. Suraj. He was accused of threatening the complainant in the first case with murder if he complained to the police against his leader, Dr. Suraj.

Not only that, the complainant in the second case filed a case with Holenarsipur Town police alleging that two people, including the alleged victim in the first case, were 'blackmailing' the JD(S) legislator on June 21.

Later, he was absconding. However, within a couple of days, he switched sides. In his complaint, he stated that he was sexually harassed by the legislator. Besides this, he also alleged that Dr. Suraj forced him to file a case against the youth from Arkalgud accusing him of blackmailing the legislator.

Fresh FIR filed against Prajwal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU


Prajwal Revanna

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has registered a fresh case against ex-MP Prajwal Revanna for allegedly recording an explicit clip of a woman, while she was on a video call with him, without her knowledge. The SIT was granted four-day police custody of Mr. Prajwal by the Special Court of Magistrate for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs on Tuesday.

Preetham Gowda, former Hassan BJP MLA, has also been named as an accused in the case, along with his two associates, Sharath and Kiran, for allegedly leaking the video.

While Mr. Preetham Gowda had faced political allegations over the same and several of his associates searched by the SIT, this is the first time he has been named as an accused in connection with the explicit video leak.

The accused have been booked under Sections 354 (outraging the modesty of a woman), 354C (Voyeurism) and various sections of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

When she sought help

Sources said that the fresh FIR was registered on Tuesday based on a complaint by a woman to the SIT. The woman alleged that she had met Mr. Prajwal in Hassan, seeking his help in securing a seat for her daughter at a private school.

She alleged the MP took her number, called her repeatedly, and forced her to undress on a video call. She further alleged that Mr. Prajwal had recorded the video without her knowledge, which was leaked along with other explicit content on April 22, when several pen drives with the explicit content were distributed in Hassan, days ahead of the April 26 polls.

Probing a case registered over the leak of the videos, based on a complaint by an associate of Mr. Prajwal, the SIT arrested Likhith Gowda and Chetan, when they allegedly tried to destroy electronic devices used to copy and leak the videos.

The SIT had searched premises linked to several others, including Sharath and Kiran, now named in the FIR as accused.

All the four are known associates of Mr. Preetham Gowda.

CNNL to examine complaints of water contamination in Cauvery

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

D.K. Shivakumar

Responding positively to a demand for prevention of river Cauvery's contamination from the discharge of untreated industrial effluents and waste, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has directed Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) officials to conduct a spot inspection while Minister for Forests and Environment Eshwar Khandre has sought a report from the officials of the concerned departments within two weeks.

Mr. Shivakumar, in his direction to the Managing Director of CNNL, said the officials should discuss with local bodies of cities and towns along the river the measures they have taken to prevent contamination of the river water before submitting a report on their inspection.

Mr. Khandre, meanwhile, has directed the Principal Secretary of the Department of Forests and Environment to take the complaint of contamination of Cauvery water seriously and constitute a committee of experts in co-ordination with other departments concerned on priority.

He has sought a detailed report by the committee in two weeks.

Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil too has directed the Principal Secretary of Department of Industries and Commerce to look into the complaint of release of untreated industrial effluents and waste into Cauvery river.

Letter from MLC

The action by the Ministers comes in the wake of a letter dated May 28 written by Congress MLC Dinesh Gooli Gowda to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Patil on the dire need to preserve the quality of Cauvery water, which quenches the thirst of not only people in Bengaluru, but also Kodagu, Mysuru, Mandya, and Ramanagara districts.

The MLC's letter followed the concerns expressed by Deputy Commissioner of Mandya Kumara over the discharge of untreated waste from Mysuru into Cauvery river at Chandagalu in Srirangapatna.

Mr. Gooli Gowda, in a statement, said the Managing Director of CNNL would be examining the complaint and submitting a report to the government following directions issued by Mr. Shivakumar.

Picturesque

Travellers visiting Sita Kunda - Dhanushkoti, overlooking the Cauvery valley, at Melkote in Mandya district. K. MURALI KUMAR

Renukaswamy's parents meet CM, seek job for daughter-in-law

The Hindu Bureau
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Rathnaprabha and Kashinath S. Shivanagowdru, parents of Renukaswamy, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Minister for Agriculture N. Cheluvarayaswamy was also present. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rathnaprabha and Kashinath S. Shivanagowdru, the parents of Chitradurga-based Renukaswamy who was allegedly murdered by a gang involving Kannada actor Darshan and his associates, called on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

While they expressed satisfaction over the ongoing probe, Renukaswamy's parents sought a job for their daughter-in-law.

Mr. Siddaramaiah has positively responded to the demand of the parents, said a press release issued by the Chief Minister's Office.

The post-mortem report of Renukaswamy concluded that "the death is due to shock and haemorrhage as a result of multiple blunt injuries".

Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy and former Social Welfare Minister H. Anjaneya were present when the parents met the Chief Minister.

Darshan's fan arrested for threatening producer Umapathy

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Umapathy and Darshan allegedly had a fight over a movie title and the actor's rude behaviour

The Basaveshwaranagar police on Tuesday arrested a 31-year-old cab driver and a fan of Darshan for allegedly threatening producer Umapathy over his remarks against the actor on social media.

Based on a complaint, the police arrested Chethan after booking him under Section 506 (Criminal Intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

He was later released on bail after he apologised for his actions at the station with folded hands and the clip was put up on social media .

According to the police, Chethan, a fan of Darshan,was upset with Mr. Umapathy's comments on Darshan.

Mr. Umapathy and Darshan allegedly had a fight over a movie title and Darshan's alleged rude behaviour in the past.

"The actor's fans better fall in line and not harass others over the actor's troubles. Otherwise stringent legal action will be taken against them," said a senior police official.

Cabinet will discuss demand for Kukke Subrahmanya development authority: DKS

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Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said on Tuesday that the State Cabinet will discuss the demand for constituting a Kukke Subrahmanya development authority and take a decision on it.

To questions by press-persons at Kukke Subrahmanya, he said that party workers have conveyed their opinion on constituting the authority. The government will protect the dignity and honour of the temple.

Mr. Shivakumar said that he will discuss with Dinesh Gundu Rao, Minister for Health and Family Welfare and in charge of Dakshina Kannada, on the demand for opening a government hospital in Kukke Subrahmanya. He said that the government has no move to evict those living in the forest area without title deeds. Such persons have been living there for many years doing farming.

Demand

Referring to demands for creating more posts of Deputy Chief Ministers in the State, Mr. Shivakumar said the party will take a call on it.

On his move to contest the coming byelection from Channapatna Assembly constituency and Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy's allegation that Mr. Shivakumar did nothing for the development of Channapatna, the Deputy Chief Minister said that he entered Channapatna politics well ahead of Mr. Kumaraswamy. "Mr. Kumaraswamy entered politics 10 years after my entry in Channapatna. I faced his father H.D. Deve Gowda in 1985 elections in Channapatna," he said.

Mr. Shivakumar said that people of Channapatna feel that Mr. Gowda did nothing for the development of the constituency.

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Nandini milk packet to cost ₹2 more from today

With the additional 50 ml, Santrupti milk by KMF at ₹57 a litre is the costliest from the KMF stable, while double-toned milk at ₹43 will be the cheapest. Despite the price increase, milk in Karnataka remains cheaper compared to the neighbouring States.

KMF Chairman Bhima Naik's announcement on Tuesday came as a surprise. The second largest milk federation in the country hiked the price of milk by ₹3 per litre in July 2023, while the farmers demanded a ₹5 hike per litre. He added that the actual cost for 50 ml would be around ₹2.10, and the Federation would incur a loss of 10 paise per sachet.

CM: No increase in price of milk, only additional cost for extra quantity

Average procurement by the Karnataka Milk Federation is up by about 15% when compared with the corresponding period last year

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Good monsoon and increased procurement price being passed on to dairy farmers have increased the average procurement of milk by the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) by about 15% when compared with the corresponding period last year.

While the average procurement of milk in Karnataka was around 90 lakh litres daily last year, it has increased to 99 lakh litres this year, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah pointed out in a statement on Tuesday in which he justified the additional 50 ml milk being supplied in Nandini packets at an additional cost of ₹2 saying that it was to protect the interests of the dairy farmers. The new prices were announced by the KMF on Tuesday.

Farmers' interests

"At no point, the village-level dairy societies should refuse to procure the milk brought by the farmer and increased quantity in milk packets is to protect the farmers' interests. There has been no increase in the price of milk. But the additional cost is for the additional quantity of milk," the Chief Minister clarified.

He said the KMF was already converting 30 lakh litres of milk into skimmed milk powder and producing about 250 tonnes daily. "The production is commensurate with the demand," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

Profitable

The Chief Minister said that when the Congress government came to power in May 2023, an average 72 lakh litres of milk was being procured. "After the retail milk price increased by ₹3 a litre and the amount was passed on to farmers, dairy farming became profitable to farmers. Along with that, availability of green fodder due to good rainfall has resulted in the KMF's procurement reaching almost one crore litre a day," he said. The KMF has decided to pass on the additional milk to the consumer without adding much burden.

'No distress sale'

One other reason for milk procurement increasing in Karnataka since last year, despite drought prevailing in the State, has been attributed to a decrease in the distress sale of cattle. An official of the KMF recently said though the cattle sales had continued, it was more or less stabilised after the price hike. Cattle sales, especially in the Old Mysore region, had been attributed to high input cost and low returns.

The new prices were announced by the Karnataka Milk Federation on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

What various categories of Nandini milk will cost after the hike

Variety	Revised price per litre
Santrupti milk	₹57
Samrudhi milk	₹53
Shubham Gold	₹51
Homogenised Shubham milk	₹51
Shubham milk	₹50
Special milk	₹50
Homogenised cow's milk	₹48
Homogenised toned milk	₹45
Toned milk	₹44
Double toned milk	₹43

Relative price in other States

Karnataka – Nandini	₹44
Kerala – Milma	₹52
Delhi – Mother Dairy	₹54
Gujarat – Amul	₹56
Maharashtra – Amul	₹56
Andhra Pradesh	₹58

Price increased to celebrate anniversary of Emergency: BJP

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Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok on Tuesday said the Congress government had resorted to increasing the milk price to "celebrate the anniversary of the enforcing of the Emergency on the country".

In a social media post, Mr. Ashok pointed out that it was the second time that the milk prices had gone up during the 13-month rule of the Congress. He recalled that the milk prices had been increased by ₹3 a litre in August 2023.

He accused the government of rubbing salt into the wounds of people who were already affected by the hike in prices of petrol and diesel as well as vegetables.

'Revenge on citizens'

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra alleged that the Congress had lost the moral authority to continue in power. He declared that the BJP would launch a struggle against the Congress till it stepped down from power.

"Soon after the Lok Sabha election results, there was a call from Congress MLAs to roll back the guarantees to avenge their loss. Finally, this is how the Congress government is exacting revenge on the poor citizens for voting against them," Mr. Vijayendra alleged.

Many consumers unhappy with KMF decision

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Many consumers on Tuesday expressed unhappiness over the Karnataka Milk Federation's (KMF) decision to charge extra for the additional milk it is going to provide in each packet, as they said it would entail them shelling out more money daily.

The KMF and the State government have denied there has been a price hike and claimed it was only a rationalisation, as the KMF will give 50 ml extra in every packet of Nandini milk and the price would be proportionally increased by ₹2. "We had not asked them to give us extra milk as for years we have been happy with the regular quantity. After a price hike in 2023, why should the government impose an extra expenditure on us in this way? At a time when the prices of all commodities, including fuel, vegetables and even foodgrains, are going up, what was the need for this unasked-for arrangement?" questioned Srinivas V., a private employee from Banashankari here.

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> **SRINIVAS V.,** a private employee

For smaller, nuclear families, the extra quantity of milk might go unused. "We are a family of two people and even half-litre milk is sometimes more for us. Milk is not something you can store for a long time. So, what is the point of paying an extra of almost ₹60 to ₹70 a month and it not being useful in any way?" said Vidya Ravi, a senior citizen from Attur Layout. Hoteliers on the other hand said this would not count as a price hike for them as they get extra milk. "Nandini provides the best quality milk at the lowest price in the country. The hotel industry is one of their biggest customers. While we do not understand why the price and quantity of milk has been increased, we believe the milk price has not been hiked. Hence, we will take a call on whether to increase prices (at hotels) or not after further discussion," said P.C. Rao, president of the Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers' Association.

Govt. announces fresh guidelines for transfer of its staff

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No executive posts to employees facing criminal cases, inquiries, say guidelines

The Karnataka government on Tuesday came out with fresh guidelines for the transfer of its employees and said the total transfers should not exceed 6%.

The Ministers of the departments concerned have been authorised to issue transfer orders of employees belonging to the categories of 'A', 'B', 'C', and 'D' during the general transfer period from June 25 to July 9.

Criminal cases

It said employees facing departmental inquiries, pending criminal cases or serious allegations should be posted to non-executive posts to prevent their influence during the probe and to ensure the impartial nature of the investigation. Such employees should not be posted to postings they demand, the guidelines stated. It said employees facing criminal cases and probes should not be posted to sensitive and executive posts.

Minimum service

Employees belonging to the categories 'A' and 'B' should complete a minimum of two years of service in one location to be eligible for transfer to another location. The minimum years of service at one location for employees of the 'C' and 'D' categories has been fixed at four and seven years, respectively.

Employees recruited to the departments in the Hyderabad Karnataka region (Kalyana Karnataka) should put in 10 years of service before they are transferred outside the region.

However, minimum service at one place/city/location can be extended or reduced in the case of employees retiring in less than two years, employees having technical expertise for specific projects, and employees involved in implementing the flagship programmes.

In cases of husband and wife being government employees, if one employee gets transferred, then the other person can also be transferred to the same location if the vacancy exists, to ensure postings for the couple at one place/city. The guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) have barred the transfer of employees if they are office-bearers of the State Government Employees' Association. This would allow them to discharge their service to the association without any disruption.

Medical cases

In the case of children of employees suffering from chronic diseases and receiving treatment, then such employees can furnish required medical documents to continue in service at the same place.

In cases where employees who have been transferred have not reported to duty seeking leave on medical grounds, then such persons should furnish medical certificates and the appropriate authority can sanction leave, the guidelines stated.

State gets investment offer of $6.2 billion from Europe

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Karnataka has received investment offers to the tune of $6.2 billion from various corporates and business conglomerates in Europe, said Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT, Biotechnology, and Science and Technology, here on Tuesday.

The Minister led a business exploratory delegation to London, France, Germany, Switzerland, and other places in the EU and met up with top officials of various enterprises.

"We met top decision-makers in many companies and we received investment offers of $6.2 billion as an immediate outcome of our business exploratory tours. We hope a majority of them convert into actual business on the ground," Mr. Kharge said while addressing a media conference here. On the kind of businesses that evinced interest in investing in the State, he said it was a mix of sectors ranging from chip design and semicon companies to aerospace and defence and several of them were inquiries for setting up global capability centres (GCCs) in Karnataka. Responding to a reporter's query about the number of jobs these projects might create, the Minister said, "The proposed GCCs alone will create 35,000 to 40,000 jobs in the State." Mr. Kharge said Karnataka had embarked on a "hyper growth" phase.

The delegation also visited California and Massachusetts in the U.S. and participated in the 'BIO International Convention 2024' held in San Diego, attended by 18,500 industry leaders globally.

"Our objective was to highlight our infrastructure and policy landscape to biotechnology companies and industry bodies in the U.S., and also to explore future global expansion plans of electronic and biotech firms in the country," he said.

Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT and Biotechnology, with Sharath Bache Gowda, Chairman of KEONICS, at a press meet on Tuesday.

For collaborations

Sharath Bache Gowda, Chairman of KEONICS, who was also part of the delegation, said high-level meetings were conducted with Salk Institute, Kyoto University, Biocom California, and the University of Pennsylvania Biotechnology Centre to explore collaborations in health tech, agri tech, and in the upcoming Bio-Bank and Anti-Venon Research Development Centre.

'PMO forcing MNCs to invest in Gujarat'

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The Prime Minister's Office has been forcing multinational companies coming to Karnataka to invest in Gujarat or other States, alleged Minister for IT and Biotechnology Priyank Kharge on Tuesday.

To visit Delhi

He said he could quote several instances, but would only do so at the appropriate time, or else it would embarrass global investors. Mr. Kharge said he was going to Delhi on Wednesday and one of the agenda was to meet the Finance Minister and ask her to give Karnataka the same incentives that the Centre was offering to Gujarat.

"I can give five or six instances. But we are silent because it will embarrass the companies. We are also trying to see if we can have the same GIFT City that they are getting," he said. "Who can say no when the Prime Minister tells them to put the company here only (in Gujarat)?" Mr. Kharge asked.

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Opening of Technical date	16.07.2024 at 11:00 A.M.
Opening of Price Bid date	18.07.2024 at 3.00 P.M

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Engagement of Community Based Organisations at Block Level under "Promotion of indigenous aromatic and non-aromatic paddy with export potential/local market" 2024-25 of Govt. of Odisha

Expression of Interest is invited by the Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar from the experienced and interested organizations for engagement as Community Based Organization for newly allotted blocks of Angul, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nabarangpur, Sambalpur, Koraput, Keonjhar, Nuapada & Sundargarh districts under "Promotion of indigenous aromatic and non-aromatic paddy with export potential/local market" 2024-25. Interested organizations/agencies are requested to submit the EoI in sealed envelope super scribed as **Application for engagement as Community Based Organisations at Block Level under "Promotion of indigenous aromatic and non-aromatic paddy with export potential/local market" 2024-25 of ---------- district** as per enclosed application format by registered/Speed post. Proposals in E-Mail would not be entertained in this regard. The EOI should be addressed to the Office of the Chief District Agriculture Officer **(District name)** from the above mentioned districts. Last date for receipt of EoI is **8th July 2024 up to 1:00 PM** and the same shall be opened on the same day at 3.30PM in presence of authorized signatory and representatives. The application form and detail terms & conditions are available in the official website of **www.agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in & www.agriodisha.gov.in.**

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A hackathon to address city's traffic woes

The Bengaluru Mobility Challenge hackathon is open to all residents of India. It will consist of two phases, each of which will focus on different aspects of urban mobility management

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The hackathon aims to provide innovative solutions to Bengaluru's traffic woes using AI and geospatial technologies. K. MURALI KUMAR

In terms of congestion, Bengaluru is one of the worst cities in India," says Dr. Raghuram Krishnapuram, a senior scientist at the Centre of Data for Public Good (CDPG), Foundation for Science Innovation and Development (FSID), in the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

That traffic is as ubiquitous to the city as its pleasant weather, start-up ecosystem and green spaces is nothing new. In 2022, according to the TomTom Traffic Index, Bengaluru was ranked the world's second-most congested city, only beaten by London for this dubious position. And while this has improved - Bengaluru dropped to 6th on this list in 2024 - it continues to be one of the country's most congested cities, something any Bengalurean will attest to.

To address the problem, CDPG and the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have come together to organise a hackathon called The Bengaluru Mobility Challenge. The hackathon aims to provide innovative solutions to the city's traffic woes using AI and geospatial technologies. "There is a huge potential to make a difference to Bangalore," says Krishnapuram.

Data-driven solutions

FSID, previously called SID (Society for Innovation and Development), is IISc's incubation centre, harnessing the scientific knowledge available at IISc to help society and industry. Among the initiatives that were seeded here was the India Urban Data Exchange (IUDX). The open-source platform was born out of the need to facilitate data exchange between various city departments, government agencies, citizens and the private sector, and to eventually help cities use this data to address complex urban challenges.

On November 24, 2023, when CDPG was created within FSID, IUDX became part of the new centre. Krishnapuram spells out the rationale behind CDPG: "The idea is that cities in India can leverage the data that they have to do impactful things." "You can derive a lot of insights from the data and enable an entire ecosystem of start-ups that can use that data to build useful applications that will benefit society," he adds.

Krishnapuram explains the mechanics behind how data could be used for public welfare using an example from Tripura's capital, Agartala, which has partnered with IUDX. In late 2022, video data from various intersections in the city was collected to help monitor and regulate traffic. "For example, if there are a lot of vehicles accumulating in one direction, you can increase the duration of the green light, etc.," he says, adding that since the roads are all interconnected, a lot of coordination is needed to ensure that traffic flows smoothly.

Although this particular traffic project did not go beyond the pilot stage, many more such projects are underway. Already, the platform has been installed in nearly 50 Indian cities and is being leveraged for various purposes. In Surat, for instance, IUDX is being used to monitor the bus transit system while in Chennai it is helping the city keep an eye on water levels in its reservoirs and predict floods. "It is also being used to set up green corridors and solid waste disposal schedules... those kinds of things," he says.

The origin of the hackathon

At a symposium to mark the launch of CDPG back in November 2023, one of the speakers M.N. Anucheth, the Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Bengaluru City, spoke about the traffic situation in the city and urged the city's entrepreneurs to help address the problem. "So, we thought that maybe this would be a good problem to work on," recalls Krishnapuram.

This led to the conceptualisation of The Bengaluru Mobility Challenge, which was announced earlier this month. The participants will rely on camera data provided by BTP. "Instead of just using the BTP cameras which are limited in number, we are leveraging the Safe City cameras to look at how many vehicles are passing in large parts of the city," he says. If one can do AI-based analytics, this data can be used to model the city traffic, he adds. "Bangalore is a large city but it does not have a traffic model. No one knows the commuting patterns of people right now."

Krishnapuram believes that insights from the data can help city planning and decision-making, whether it is about expanding the public transport system, designing alternative routes, deciding which roads should be one-way or putting in a metro line. "If you have this information, you can do a lot of things that make it easier for people to commute."

The hackathon, open to all residents of India, will consist of two phases, each of which will focus on different aspects of urban mobility management. The first phase will involve using data from Safe City cameras installed around IISc to predict vehicle counts and generate traffic patterns. Understanding these patterns can help predict traffic, which in turn can help police take action, he says. "This could help them regulate the traffic differently. For instance, close certain roads to divert the traffic."

In Phase Two, on the other hand, participants will re-identify vehicles across different network locations and estimate origin-destination flows. This will help understand the behaviour of motorists in the city. Krishnapuram recognises that this is not an easy task given the number of vehicles that are similar to each other. However, he hopes that the data from this phase will help them test their hypotheses about driving behaviours.

Teams registering for the hackathon can have up to five members and choose to participate in either or both phases. "People don't have to participate in the first phase to participate in the second phase," he says. Alternatively, if a team wants to stop after the first phase, it can do so, but it needs to make its code public, putting it up in open source. "People that are participating in Phase Two, can make use of those results if they want to. But if they are continuing in Phase Two, they don't have to do this."

Feasibility and beyond

If the challenge is successful, they hope to scale it up to the entire city, but currently, the focus is on the feasibility aspect, he says. "We want to see if this data is useful...if you can do something with it, using AI and machine learning." Existing AI algorithms for traffic developed using data from other countries, don't necessarily work in Indian traffic, which he describes as "a different beast that is completely chaotic". For instance, algorithms that do vehicle counts fail in India because we have rickshaws and bullock carts on the road, merrily trundling along buses, cars and motorbikes. "They are not recognised and end up not being counted. That is a challenge," he says. Krishnapuram believes that traffic solutions specific to Indian conditions could emerge out of this hackathon. "When you open the problem to so many people, everyone comes up with different ideas," he says. Also, since the solutions are open source, he hopes that potential solutions that may emerge from the hackathon could well be replicated for the benefit of the entire city or even the country. "Traffic is a huge problem in India, and we have to find sustainable solutions," he says.

Beyond traffic issues

And yes, using data meaningfully to address civic issues doesn't just stop with traffic issues. "Traffic and transportation is one area, pollution and flooding are other problems. We are hoping that hackathons can help create awareness and good solutions."

To know more or register, log into dataforpublicgood.org.in/bengaluru-mobility-challenge-2024

Lake restoration project

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Kennametal India Limited, together with Planet Sutra, a sustainability implementation partner, held an event on Tuesday to mark the completion of the Harokethanahalli lake restoration project at Bengaluru, India. The project spans nearly 18 acres of land.

Situated amidst agricultural land, commercial orchards and private farmhouses, and yet away from the public water supply system, the main source of water in the region is groundwater that is extracted through deeply dug borewells for consumption. Further, the hard rocky strata and steep slopes make it challenging for rainwater to percolate into aquifer zones and its runoff rapidly erodes the fertile soil.

According to a release, this initiative is expected to restore the quality of water of the lake and free it from garbage, effluents, and other pollutants. It should also raise the groundwater table by eight meters, benefitting up to 5,000 people living in and around the lake area.

HIV positive patient gets a new lease of life with successful renal transplant

Over the past year, he developed chronic kidney disease and hypertension, necessitating hemodialysis since January 2024

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With meticulous planning and advanced surgical skills, risks involved in the procedure were effectively managed.

A 38-year-old person from Bengaluru, who has been living with HIV for over five years, got a new lease of life following a renal transplant at a private hospital in the city.

The patient - Mahesh (name changed) - was diagnosed with Diabetes Mellitus ten years ago. In 2022, he successfully completed treatment for Pulmonary Kochs. Over the past year, he developed chronic kidney disease and hypertension, necessitating hemodialysis since January 2024. Following his HIV-positive status, he was put on antiretroviral treatment (ART). However, multiple hospitals had previously rejected him for renal transplantation.

Comprehensive workshop

He then visited SPARSH hospitals where he underwent a comprehensive workup for kidney transplantation. His father-in-law was identified as a suitable donor due to blood group compatibility. After ruling out opportunistic infections and confirming a CD4 count above 500, the doctors optimised his medication regimen to manage potential drug interactions. The transplant was performed with strict universal precautions, ensuring the safety of both patient and staff.

A team of doctors comprising Harsha Kumar H.N., Sunil R., Avinash T.S., Shashank M.S., and John Paul were involved in achieving this successful outcome. They emphasised the challenges of kidney transplantation in HIV-positive patients, including heightened risks of infection and rejection. However, with meticulous planning and advanced surgical skills, these risks were effectively managed.

"Our skilled team executed the procedure precisely, resulting in excellent graft function. He was discharged on the eighth postoperative day. This case highlights the commitment to providing advanced medical care and overcoming the challenges associated with complex health conditions," said Dr. Kumar, Senior Consultant - Nephrology and Transplant Physician at the hospital.

"Performing a kidney transplant on an HIV-positive patient requires careful consideration and precise execution to manage the increased risk of infections and complications, HIV-positive patients on hemodialysis typically have a poor prognosis. However, the availability of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), is a treatment regimen typically comprising a combination of three or more antiretroviral drugs, has extended their lifespan," the doctor said.

Stating that many HIV patients develop nephropathy and end-stage renal disease, necessitating hemodialysis, Dr. Kumar said: "Now, with ART offering minimal drug interactions, HIV is no longer a risk factor for kidney transplants. The successful surgery showcases that HIV-positive patients can now be considered for renal transplantation with significantly improved survival prospects."

Adavancements in treatment

Dr. Avinash, Consultant Urologist and Renal Transplant Surgeon at the hospital said that the case highlighted the advancements in HIV treatment and the importance of a multidisciplinary approach. "Our ability to manage drug interactions between antiretroviral and immunosuppressive therapies was crucial in ensuring the success of the transplant," he added.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 26, 1974

Measures to Meet Power Shortage in Karnataka

Bangalore, June 25: The State Electricity Board will resort to disconnection of power supply to an industrial unit subjected to 60 per cent power cut (which came into force from June 24) not on daily basis but only when that unit exceeded its weekly allocation of power.

Although the Board will be taking readings daily, it will not cut the power supply if the unit exceeded its quota on any particular date; in other words, the weekly readings only will come into effect for all practical purposes.

This has been accepted by the Electricity Board at a meeting of the representatives of the public and the private sectors held here today to assess the impact of the power cut and to find out means to tide over the difficulty.

Karnataka Council Poll: Cong. Loses All Four Seats

Bangalore, June 25: The Congress in Karnataka suffered a setback having lost all four seats in the fourth biennial elections from the Teachers and Graduates constituencies to the 63-member Legislative Council. The elections were held on Sunday.

The Congress (O), which had suffered a reverse in the recent byelection to the State Assembly from the Gangavathi Constituency, won two seats, Jan Sangh and an independent supported by the Jan Sangh the other two seats.

The Congress (O) retained the North Kanara Graduates Constituency seat with Mr. B.K. Guddadinni, former MP, defeating his nearest rival, Mr. S.T.Patil (Cong) by over 1,100 votes.

Daring dreamers (From left) Maya the Drag Queen, Dark Fantasy and Queen Shivangi. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Preen queens spill the beans

The world of drag in the city has largely been left unexplored. Three of Bengaluru's queens talk about their lives and journey

Parvati Nair and Vibha Rajeev

Drag is an artistic performance that traditionally involves men dressing up as or impersonating women using extravagant costumes, makeup, music and dance. Drag culture has significantly influenced mainstream entertainment, fashion, and social activism, by challenging societal norms and advocating for acceptance and visibility of LGBTQ+ identities.

While the increasing popularity of drag in Indian cities reflects the growing acceptance of new artistic forms, stigma and misconceptions still persist.

Glad drags

Though the drag culture in India is commonly believed to have been borrowed from the West, examples of similar practices in our country abound. Speaking to *The Hindu,* Bengaluru-based Alex Mathew, popularly known as Maya The Drag Queen, explained that the custom originated during the early days of theatre, specifically in Shakespearean times when women were not allowed to perform on stage and "effeminate men had to perform women's roles".

"This system continues in traditional Indian art forms to this day and is seen in *Kathakali, Theyyam, Yakshagana* and other dance recitals," says Alex.

Recalling his first stage experience as a woman, Alex said, "I had dressed up as Nagavalli (a character from the Malayalam movie *Manichitrathazhu*) for a fancy dress competition. The intention was not to win a prize; I just wanted to express my feminity." Now, having been part of Bengaluru's drag scene for about a decade, Alex says he faced challenges in being recognised in the city's theatre space due to stereotypes about his femininity and for having a "Malayali accent".

Bengaluru's drag culture is unique due to its inclusivity, diversity and crowd. Having debuted at Humming Tree, a pub in Indiranagar, Alex says, "Bangalore has been very open to outsiders as well as new experiences."

Despite the city's incredible line-up of drag artistes, there seems to be a dearth of venues and sponsors for drag performances. Queen Shivangi, who has been a drag performer for the last five years says, "Drag isn't widely recognised here and only a couple of venues sponsor drag artistes. We are constantly seeking other venues that will give us opportunities to showcase our talent. In contrast, Mumbai and Delhi offer us numerous performance spaces."

"This disparity is also evident in how drag is marketed. Despite Bangalore's substantial pool of drag talent, opportunities are scarce," Shivangi, also known as Shivam Kumar, adds.

Delhi and Mumbai have dedicated marketing efforts promoting drag shows regularly from Thursday through Sunday across town. However, in Bengaluru, shows are only slotted on Saturday and Wednesday.

Misunderstandings galore

The world of drag comes with its share of misconceptions and stereotypes, which some of the drag queens who spoke to *The Hindu* wanted to address. "I started a decade ago, and people believe that drag has a sexual connotation," says Alex. Other wrong notions are that drag performers are crossdressers, transgenders and sex workers, which need not always be the case. "My drag personality is only confined to the stage. It is my stage persona," says drag queen Dark Fantasy, also known as Dinesh.

"Drag is an artistic platform where we can showcase themes, portray diverse characters, tell stories, sing and entertain. It is also a means of earning a living," says Queen Shivangi. "That is a significant aspect of drag culture – the opportunity to both express creatively and financially support ourselves through our art," she adds.

Drag shows are now being performed in school, university and corporate spaces, which proves that it is a versatile art form with different subcultures. One memorable instance, Shivangi shares, was at Mango Tree, where she performed at a child-friendly event. "For my performance, I took on the role of Barbie. For me, drag is about celebrating and expressing who you are," she adds.

Shivangi says her mission extends beyond the glittering stage lights – it is a crusade to educate people of all ages about the beauty and significance of drag culture.

Creativity to the fore

"One Halloween, I was given a show opportunity, and I've always admired Medusa," Shivangi shares. "She has been my role model for a while now – a once beautiful lady cursed into becoming a hideous creature, yet her inner beauty remained unchanged."

The process of embodying Medusa was a labour of love and determination. "Designing Medusa's outfit was a challenge," Shivangi recounts with a hint of pride. "I crafted a crown from scratch, using glue and newspaper since I lacked proper materials. I attached artificial snakes to emulate Medusa's serpent hair," she continues, describing the meticulous effort that went into every detail.

"The silicone snakes were surprisingly heavy, but I was committed to authenticity. The entire crown weighed four and a half kilograms and it was very uncomfortable during the hour and a half that I had to don it."

Yet, that discomfort paled in comparison to the exhilaration of bringing Medusa to life on stage, she says. "As drag artistes often do, I faced the challenge of presenting the character convincingly," Shivangi says. Her dedication paid off in applause and admiration. "I managed to perform successfully, and received praise from the audience – the ultimate reward for any artiste," she says.

Dare to drag

Some drag artistes extend financial support to others in the community, having weathered their storms in the past. "By earning through their art, we contribute to educating and supporting others within the LGBTQ+ community," Shivangi explains, adding that she has two drag daughters who are talented dancers.

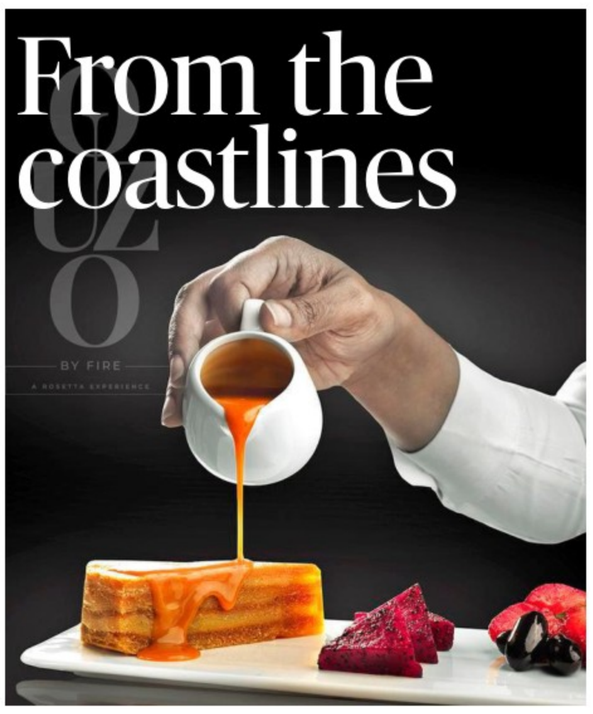
When these young artistes expressed an interest in joining the drag world, they turned to Queen Shivangi for guidance, seeing her as a maternal figure. "I've taken on the role of educating them," Shivangi says, describing how she imparts essential skills from makeup techniques to stage etiquette.

Other drag artistes in Bengaluru go even further, establishing educational centres to mentor LGBTQ+ youth in the nuances of drag. Centres such as the Keshavsuri Foundation and Queer Awaam, not only provide artistic guidance but also crucial life skills and financial stability strategies, ensuring a supportive environment for growth and success of community members.

Alex sums it up best saying, "Drag is about choosing to use all your colour crayons."

EATING OUT

From the coastlines



Priyamedha Dutta

Over the years the restaurant scene in Bengaluru has evolved keeping pace with its ever-changing diverse crowd. Now a weekend gateway to Mangaluru for a spicy *ghee roast* or a Goan vacay for an authentic Goan *chorizo* can be relished in the city itself.

Ouzo by Fire, Indiranagar a new entrant in the city's culinary scene is a gastronomic ride to the hidden treasures of Saraswat cooking celebrating the Portuguese culinary influence in Goa, and the Catholic heritage of Mangalore.

Spread across two floors, the interiors are an eclectic mix of modern and Portuguese-style Goan elements, creating a welcoming space one that feels like being in a Goan riviera.

While the first floor is a more formal dining space, the top floor has been kept modern chic with glass window panes, whitewashed walls and an open bar counter.

The menu is thoughtfully curated and gives a peak into both Goan and Mangalorean cuisines. An extensive glossary not only helps one to navigate through the menu but also serves as an educational trip into Konkani culinary linguistics. For instance, *kodi*- a Konkani word for curry, *vindaloo*- a traditional Goan Mangalorean curry made with vinegar, chilis and garlic, *nustya*- Konkani for fish.

We started our meal with prawn devil *ajillo* packed with *chorizo* (goan pork sausage). The prawn cooked in garlic and paprika sauce was spicy with slight hint of tanginess from the sausage.

We then tried pan-fried turmeric seer fish with raw mango chutney, a must-try if you are an ardent fish lover.

Moving on we tried their prawn ghee roast, a Mangalorean classic where prawns are sauteed in ghee with a blend of whole spices and a rich yoghurt sauce. If you are a vegetarian, the paneer ghee roast is equally delightful and features a similar flavour.

Goan cuisine seems incomplete without trying Goan breads, we munched on their warm *poie* pockets filled with avocado salad and pulled chicken filling. The warm *poie* bread stuffed with refreshing salad filling went well with the juicy chicken filling.

For the main course we tried seafood pulo made with prawns, squid and clam cooked in ghee and served wrapped in a banana leaf. We also tried their crab *Kotambir* a *trephala* (a three-ingredient) spiced curry served with steamed millet vermicelli. Comforting flavours that feel they have come straight out of granny's kitchen.

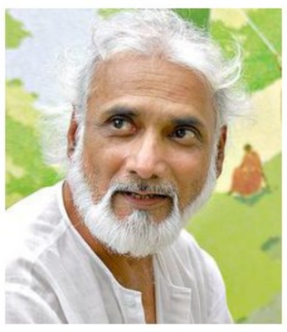
Dessert is kept simple with two options. We tried both – their *bebinca,* a layered and baked mixture of egg and coconut served with warm bitter toffee sauce and *Alle Belle* traditional black jaggery and dried coconut spring roll, served with rum custard. Even if you find yourself too full, both desserts at Ouzo are a must-try.

Ouzo by Fire
Hits: Pan-fried turmeric seer fish
Misses: None
Price for two: ₹ 2000 without alcohol

Seaside surprises Ouzo by Fire celebrates Goan and Mangalorean cuisines. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Dreams in colour

Forgotten memories Artist MR Deshmukh and his work. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Ruth Dhanaraj

It is challenging to write about a reticent soul and a modest one at that. "I don't think there is anything special in what I have done; there are far greater artists than me," says MR Deshmukh.

"Besides, I feel my paintings convey whatever I want to say. Painting is a language in which form and colour speak to viewers. There is not much I can add to that."

And yes, that is true; Deshmukh's body of work speaks for itself. At 80, the artist from Kolhapur, is exhibiting as many as 30 of his works in Bengaluru – almost all of which were executed over the past two years, an impressive feat in itself.

Vibrant, yet muted, patches of colour bring to mind once-remembered memories or scenes from long-forgotten travels. Vivid Impressions hosts both landscapes and figures in its collection. While some of the landscapes show glimpses of India as seen from a railway carriage, some are of quiet avenues, perhaps as seen by someone sitting in a cafe.

Still others are of women captured in various everyday scenes – sewing, at rest, with an infant, toiling in the fields, catching up with each other, balancing a load on their heads – the quintessential Indian woman. Most fascinating of all, at least for me, were the canvases with little birds on or outside a window sill, the kind you see in dreams of childhood where the grass is a bright green and the wide open skies are full of sunshine.

Inspired by beauty, whether in Nature or of the feminine, Deshmukh's artistic journey began in Satara, Maharashtra, his birthplace. "I spent my schooldays wandering between the Krishna and Koyna rivers, and later came to Kolhapur for my college education. Memories of the natural beauty I revelled in during those days are reflected in my work to a great extent."

Deshmukh says while Nature inspires everyone, he was also blessed to be influenced by the treasures housed in the Shri Bhavani Museum in Satara, which he often frequented.

The museum founded in 1938 by Shri Bhawanrao Pantapratinidhi, the last ruler of Aundh, has a wonderful collection of Indian and Western masters, which left a deep impression on the artist as a young man.

Deshmukh says he honed his "artistic language by visiting museums and galleries, reading books, and learning in art school – much like how human communication is refined by meeting different people and attending social gatherings."

Mentored by master painter and sculptor Ravindra Mistry, Deshmukh who studied art at Kalaniketan Mahavidyalay in Kolhapur, favours oils on paper and canvas,

Vivid Impressions by MR Deshmukh is presented by Artenblu and will be on display at MKF Museum of Art till June 29, 2024.

CITYBEATS

Mangoes in a bar

ONGOING
Bunny Bar has tapped into the season and introduced Mango Mania, a limited edition line of food and beverages. Created by chef Narender Chauhan, the range includes mango in appetizers, salads, mains and cocktails. Mango picante and colada are some of the flavours one can look forward to till June 30.
At Bunny Bar, 10th Main Road, 80 Feet Rd, 4th Block, Koramangala.

Kitchen break

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Women's Wednesday at Khandani Rajdhani, known for Rajasthani and Gujarati cuisine, offers women a *thali* treat for ₹399 plus taxes. The menu includes dishes such as *dhokla, dahi-wada, dal bati churma, ker sangri,* and more which come with *phulkas* and *theplas*.
At Rajdhani outlets (Indiranagar, Phoenix Marketcity, Mall of Asia, Mantri Mall, JP Nagar)

Stage bound

JUNE 29
Atta Galatta will present Dum Dama Dum, a children's theatre festival by Vikram Sridhar. The festival will have plays for children from renowned theatre groups. There will also be a book section stocked with children's authors and publishers. The Day Pass includes access to all six scheduled plays.
Tickets on BookMyShow. At Atta Galatta from 10am onwards.

Tamil Nadu Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin leaving the Bengaluru court on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Udhayanidhi Stalin gets bail in *Sanatana Dharma* remark case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Tamil Nadu Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Udhayanidhi Stalin appeared before a Bengaluru court on Tuesday in connection with a case registered against him for his alleged derogatory remarks on *Sanatana Dharma* and was granted conditional bail.

Activist V. Paramesha accused Mr. Udhayanidhi of making remarks against *Sanatana Dharma* in Chennai in 2023, comparing it to dengue and malaria, calling for its eradication.

Mr. Stalin was charged under Sections 153A (Promoting enmity between different groups), 298 (Uttering words, etc., with deliberate intent to wound religious feelings) and 500 (Punishment for defamation) of the Indian Penal Code. Amidst tight security, Mr. Udhayanidhi appeared before the special court, which granted him bail with a surety of ₹1 lakh. The next hearing has been posted for August 8.

User fee at Kerala's capital city airport up by 50% from July 1

AERA says the fee for embarking domestic passengers will be ₹770 and ₹330 for disembarking; international passengers will have to pay twice the tariff levied on domestic travellers each year

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The landing charges for aircraft have been raised three-fold for the first year from ₹309 to ₹890 per MT of aircraft weight. PTI

Flying out of the Adani-controlled Thiruvananthapuram airport will get costlier from July 1 as the user development fee (UDF) levied on passengers as part of air tickets will go up by 50% from ₹506 to ₹770 for domestic travellers for a year and further raised every year. Landing charges for aircraft have been jacked up three-fold by the Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) only for Thiruvananthapuram airport.

The revised levies are part of the tariff order issued by the AERA on June 21 for a period of five years from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2027, and will be effective from July 1. This is the first revision for the airport since its privatisation. The Thiruvananthapuram Kerala International Airport Ltd (TKIAL) is owned by Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), incorporated in 2019 as a 100% subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited, that controls eight airports.

International passenger

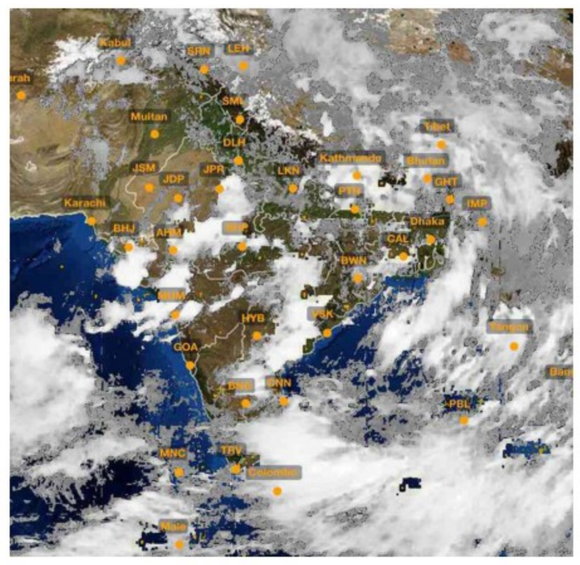
In its order, the AERA said the applicable UDF for embarking domestic passengers from July 1 to March 31, 2025, will be ₹770 and ₹330 for disembarking passengers. From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, domestic travellers on flights departing from the airport will have to pay ₹840, while those landing at the airport will have to pay ₹360. In the subsequent financial year, the fee for domestic travellers will be raised to ₹910 and ₹390, respectively. International passengers will have to pay twice the tariff levied on domestic travellers each year.

The landing charges for aircraft have been raised three-fold for the first year from ₹309 to ₹890 per metric tonne (MT) of aircraft weight. This will increase by 4.6 times and 5.5 times for the subsequent financial years with a levy of ₹1,400 per MT and ₹1,650 per MT. The regulator has rejected the airport's projection for non-aeronautical revenue that is used to cross-subsidise passenger costs and raised it four-fold to ₹392 crore as opposed to ₹102 crore proposed by the airport.

In its defence, the airport operator has told the regulator that it has framed a procurement policy to avoid subjectivity and improve transparency in decision making and followed the process relating to procurement of goods and services as required in the concession agreement signed with the AAI.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	35.3	27.6	Kozhikode	48	28.7	24.0
Ahmedabad	—	35.0	24.4	Kurnool	—	35.5	26.1
Aizawl	—	31.7	24.1	Lucknow	7	40.0	29.2
Allahabad	—	42.1	30.3	Madurai	—	37.2	26.2
Bengaluru	—	29.9	21.5	Mangaluru	34	30.4	23.2
Bhopal	—	36.0	25.4	Mumbai	0.2	36.4	26.8
Bhubaneswar	0.9	37.9	28.4	Mysuru	0.6	29.0	—
Chandigarh	—	40.0	29.3	New Delhi	1	39.7	28.6
Chennai	—	36.8	29.4	Patna	—	36.0	31.2
Coimbatore	—	31.3	22.4	Port Blair	62	29.0	23.2
Dehradun	0.6	37.9	26.0	Puducherry	—	35.6	26.6
Gangtok	37	21.3	18.7	Pune	0.4	33.8	24.3
Goa	28	30.8	24.8	Raipur	—	37.6	27.5
Guwahati	1	34.8	26.9	Ranchi	—	35.6	26.0
Hubballi	—	28.0	24.0	Shillong	0.5	24.4	17.7
Hyderabad	—	33.3	24.9	Shimla	5	30.2	22.1
Imphal	—	31.1	22.8	Srinagar	—	33.0	16.6
Jaipur	—	37.2	27.8	Thiruvananthapuram	39	29.4	23.6
Kochi	44	28.8	24.2	Tiruchi	—	34.5	27.6
Kohima	6	27.4	17.4	Vijayawada	3	38.2	28.0
Kolkata	—	37.2	28.8	Visakhapatnam	—	34.0	28.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.15	.32	.64	58	66	
Bengaluru	.15	.22	.80	43	55	
Chennai	5	7	101	76	70	
Delhi	.26	.34	.67	168	219	
Hyderabad	9	8	.31	70	86	
Kolkata	9	.44	.37	30	45	
Lucknow	.11	.12	.35	123	104	
Mumbai	2	.21	.38	55	82	
Pune	—	.33	102	28	39	
Visakhapatnam	.11	.66	.13	37	79	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 334 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Jagan urges A.P. Assembly Speaker to recognise him as LoP

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday wrote a letter to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Ch. Ayyanna Patrudu, urging the latter to recognise him as the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the House.

Going by the precedents in the Lok Sabha, Delhi Assembly and the Assembly of undivided Andhra Pradesh, the LoP status should be given to the YSRCP leader.

The LoP post was given to a leader of the Opposition party though its numerical strength was less when compared to the total strength of the House, the YSRCP chief said.

Mr. Reddy said that there were discussions in the public domain that the YSRCP would not be entitled to have the LoP post because it did not have 10% members of the total strength of the House.

"The Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly notified

Jagan Mohan Reddy

under Article 208 of the Constitution do not prescribe any such mandatory percentage of seats for a leader of a party to be recognised as the LoP. Nor has there been any convention on the insistence of the 10% strength on the floor of the House for the Opposition parties," said Mr. Reddy.

Meanwhile, Minister for Tribal Welfare Gummidi Sandhya Rani said Mr. Reddy does not have a sufficient number of MLAs to recognise him as the LoP and "he will be considered as an MLA as per the rules".

Referring to the letter sent by Mr. Reddy, the Minister said, "Mr. Reddy got only 11 MLAs, which falls short of the required 10% of the total 175 members in the House to consider him as the LoP."

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KUNDA JOG
Names of Holders / Applicants

Date: 25 June 2024
Place: Pune

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru
Short Term Tender Notification No: 02/2024-25 Date: 24.06.2024
In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors through KPP Portal for total 09 works under Head of Account: 8443 Deposit Contribution, 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Roads Improvements, 3054-03-337-0-05-200 Maintenance of State Highway Roads, 5054-04-337-0-01-154 Improvements to District Roads, 3054-04-337-1-10-200 Maintenance of District and other Roads related to Sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2,3 &4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 5.00 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 400.00 lakhs. For Tender to be submitted through KPP Portal for 9 works (For work of Indent No. 8219 - 2nd call, Indent No. 8222 - 2nd call on 01.07.2024, For work of Indent No. 9076 -3rd Call, Indent No. 9069 -3rd Call on 05.07.2024, For work of Indent No. 10735 on 11.07.2024, For work of Indent No. 11100, 11167 on 12.07.2024, For work of Indent No. 11085, 11168 on 16.07.2024) tender should be submitted within 5.00 PM. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.
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Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS), Mandya, invites E-tender for Supply of various Items required for the various departments of MIMS Mandya from the Manufacture/s or Authorized Dealers in two cover bid system as per the karnataka Transparency in public Procurement Act-1999 and Rules thereunder. Submission of e-tender and other details can be obtained in e-procurement portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sl No : 01. Description : **MRU (Multi Displinary Research Unit) Supply, Install Commissioning of Equipments on Turnkey basis (Call-5)**. Tender Approximate : **57.84 Lakhs EMD Rs.1,16,000.** Tender Start date : **25.06.2024.** Tender last date : **11.07.2024.**
Sl No : 02. Description : **Patology Dept : Equipments and other items (Call-2).** Tender Approximate : **55.00 Lakhs EMD Rs.1,10,000.** Tender Start date : **25.06.2024.** Tender last date : **11.07.2024.**
Sd/-Chief Administrative Officer
Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya
DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMCA/091/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-36/24-25/705-08 Date: 25.06.2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)
KPTCL invites bids against the following works:
1) Combined Package for providing intermediate towers between **a)** T. Nos: 06-09 in existing 66KV Jalamangala-Melehalli SC line, **b)** T. Nos: 43-44 in existing 66kV Kanakapura-Chikenahalli-Channapatna SC line, **c)** T.Nos: 09.10 in existing 66kV Kothipura-Ramanagara SC line pertaining to TLM Kanakapura on Total Turn Key basis.
2) Combined Package for providing intermediate towers between **a**) 220kV Nelamangala-Dabaspet (B3) & Nelamangala-Nittur (B4) DC lines between Tower Nos. 1040-1041. **b)** 66kV Anchepalya-TG Halli SC line between Loc No. 18 & 19 on Total Turn Key basis.
3) Providing Additonal/Replacement of 11kV Switchgears works for the following substations on Partial Tunkey Basis coming under the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle.
(i) 66/11kV Marlwadi Substation. **(ii)** 66/11kV Hanumantha nagara Substation. **(iii)** 66/11kV Achalu Substation (Reserved for SC). **(iv)** 66/11kV Kanakapura Substation. **(v)** 66/11kV Chandrappa Circle Substation. (Reserved for SC). **(vi)** 66/11kV Gudemaranahalli Substation.**(vii)** 66/11kV Tavare kere Substation. (Reserved for ST). **(viii)** 66/11kV T.G. Halli Substation.
TThe details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **http://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** on or after **29.06.2024.**
Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (Main), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, Opp. R.R. Nagara Metro Station, Pantharapalya, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru - 560026. Ph: 080-2962014.**

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, KARNATAKA
4th 'T' Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru – 560 041, Ph No.080-26961928 Fax-080-26961929
No:RGU/PROC/Cleaning Material/22/2024-25 Date: 25.06.2024
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (RFP)
The Registrar Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences invites tender for Supply of Cleaning Materials to RGUHS. More details on the services are provided in the attached Terms of Reference. **(Tender Reference Number: RGUHSK/2024-25/IND0013)**

Tender document available for downloaded	**25/06/2024**
Last date and time for Tender Queries/ Clarification	**01/07/2024 17:30 Hrs**
Pre Bid meeting	**02/07/2024 11:30 Hrs**
Last date & time for receipt of Tenders	**10/07/2024 17:29 Hrs**
Sample Submission Date	**10/07/2024 17:30 Hrs**
Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid	**12/07/2024 11:30 Hrs**
Date & time for Opening of Financial Bid	**15/07/2024 15:30 Hrs**

More details can be fetched from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
DIPR/574/2024-25 **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Zilla Panchayath Ramanagara, Office of the Joint Director, 2nd Floor, Panchayath Bhavana, B.M. Raod, Ramanagara Dist - 562159, Ph : 080-2727 3003 E-mail : dswormgm12@gmail.com Website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
NO. : JD/SWD/RD/OUTSOURCE TENDER/CR-01/2024-25 Date : 24-06-2024
E-TENDER ADVERTISEMENT
For the Year 2024-25 **Department of Social Welfare / Tribal Welfare residential schools running under kries in Ramanagara District. for this Residential Schools inviting tender for supplying manpower outsource tender** through E-procurement Portal "registered By Labor department Outsource Agencies may download the application form and other details from government **Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and relevant documents and **EMD amount may upload with in stipulated Date : 24-06-2024 and also Tenderers also obtained details from this Office : (Tender No. : SWD/2024-25/SE0097)**
1) Tender notification and Date : JD/SWD/RD/OUTSOURCE TENDER/CR-01/2024-25, Date : 24-06-2024, 2) Estimated amount for tender : 219.00 Lakhs 3) Date of commencement of Tender Form uploading through e-portal Date : 24-06-2024, 4) Pre-bid meeting Date : 22-07-2024 at 11.00 a.m., 5) Last date and time of tender subbmitting through E-portal : 31-07-2024 at 5.00 p.m., 6) Date and time of opening of technical envelopes of e-portal : 02-08-2024 at 11.30 a.m., 7) Date and time of Opening of Financial envelopes of E-Protal : 05-08-2024 at 11.30 a.m., 8) E.M.D. Amount : 3.20 Lakhs, 9) For more information contact the Office address, contact phone number, Website : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Office of the Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, 2nd floor, zillapanchayath Bhavana, B.M Raod, Ramanagara Dist - 562 159, e-mail : dswormgm12@gmail.com, Phone : (080) - 94808 43043.
Sd/- Joint Director, Social Welfare Office, Ramanagara Dist.
DIPR/Ramanagar/103/Manipal/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
Forest Department
Karnataka Eco Restoration Society (KERS)
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Development), Bangalore 560003 Phone No: 080-23342827 e-Mail Id: kshore2024@outlook.com
Reference No.: KERS/2024-25/PREQUAL_TENDER_NUMBER_1 dated: 14-06-2024
File No: KFD/DEV/B1AB/1/2023 Dated: 14-06-2024
Pre-Qualification Tender Notification
In FY 2024-25, the KERS is inviting REoI to shortlist the firms for TAMC for the K- SHORE project. Last date for the submission 04.07.2024. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/.**
DIPR/CP/576/AKAR/2024-25 **Sd/- Deputy Project Director (K-SHORE)**

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
Advertisement No. PGI/RC/2024/042-043/1976 Dated: 25.06.2024
FACULTY APPOINTMENTS
The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh invites applications on prescribed form from Indian Citizens for 121 vacant posts of Assistant Professors through direct recruitment on regular basis in different specialities for PGIMER, Chandigarh as per schedule below:-

Start date for generation of Challan form for fee deposit and online payment of fees	25.06.2024
Closing date for challan generation for fee deposit	10.07.2024
Last date of deposit of application fee in the Bank	12.07.2024
Last date for receipt of hard copy of application in the office of the Administrative Officer (Recruitment Cell), PGIMER, Sector-12, Chandigarh 160012	15.07.2024 Till 04:00 PM

The interested candidates may Log on to the Institute website i.e. www.pgimer.edu.in (recruitment link at home page) for detailed information viz. application form, fee, age, pay-scale, eligibility, qualification and experience etc. The number of posts (including reserved vacancies) are subject to variation at the discretion of Competent Authority.
No. PGI/RC/Advt./24/HR-000330 DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT CENTRE (HSFC), CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
Antariksh Bhavan, Bengaluru - 560094, Ph:080-22172614/2613/5610
e-Tender Notice No.: HSFC/CMG/CAP//2(11)/Comp/113/2024-25 Dt: 25.06.2024
BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Oh behalf of the President of India, online item rate tenders are invited through E-tendering for the following work.

Title of work	**Construction of Gaganyaan Technical Services facility for HSFC at Devanahalli, Bengaluru (Civil, PH, Electrical & AC works)**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 1795.00 Lakhs**
Period of Completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	**Eighteen (18) months**
Period during which the tender documents can be requested	From: **11:00 Hrs on 26.06.2024 to 23:30 Hrs on 17.07.2024**
Period during which the tender documents can be downloaded	From: **11:10 Hrs on 26.06.2024 to 23:59 Hrs on 17.07.2024**
Bid clarifications	From: **11.30 Hrs on 26.06.2024 to 17:00 Hrs on 18.07.2024**
Reply to Bid clarification	**Up to 17:00 Hrs on 19.07.2024**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**Up to 11:00 Hrs on 22.07.2024**
Due date & time of opening of tenders (Technical Bid)	**11:30 Hrs on 22.07.2024**
EMD	**Rs. 27,95,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Only)**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website: **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**
Sd/- Head CMD, CMG, HSFC.

Call for consensus

Parliament should give room for extended debates and disagreements

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged to govern by consensus even as the 18th Lok Sabha began its first session. The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Opposition INDIA bloc have both reiterated their rhetoric on protecting the Constitution, which was one of the central themes of the recent campaign during the 2024 general election. While both sides say they seek consensus, and are loyal to the Constitution, a demonstration of any convergence between them on any key question of governance or politics, unfortunately, remains elusive. The first session was in fact marked by mutual hostility that carried over from the campaign. The NDA and the INDIA bloc sparred over the selection of the *pro tem* Speaker and now appear set for a face-off over the Speaker's post. The Opposition has expressed willingness to support the NDA's candidate in return for the post of Deputy Speaker. In the past, the Deputy Speaker's post has mostly gone to a member of the Opposition. In the 16th Lok Sabha, the post went to the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam; and in the 17th Lok Sabha, the post remained vacant for its entire term, unprecedented in the history of Indian Parliament. The BJP remains non-committal on supporting an Opposition candidate for Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Modi's call for consensus and parliamentary debates can be a reassuring sign of a healthy democracy, but only if that statement is translated into tangible action. Union Minister Rajnath Singh, who has emerged as the government's key interlocutor, has reached out to Opposition leaders, and such interactions should become frequent. Consensus may be unachievable in many instances, and may not even be necessary in some cases. By demonstrating a commitment to sharing power within the ruling alliance and with the Opposition, Mr. Modi could expand his political authority and legitimacy. Beyond the limited tactical question of the stability of the government, in which the BJP is shy of a majority by 32 seats, the building of coalitions should be treated as a cornerstone of India's progress and prosperity. The first session of the new Lok Sabha should set the tone for extended debates, more room for disagreements and the pursuit of common ground across parties. The proceedings of the House and of Committees fell short on these counts during the last two terms of the Lok Sabha. As the leader of the ruling coalition, the BJP should demonstrate a renewed commitment to the norms and substance of Parliament and the Opposition should respond constructively.

Free man

Assange deserves his freedom, but his conviction is a setback for free speech

Julian Assange did what journalists do in free societies. He published troves of secret documents exposing the conduct of America's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and of its diplomacy. And for that, he was denied his freedom for more than 14 years. The hounding of Mr. Assange is a rare modern story of western democracies across the Atlantic, which take pride in their freedoms, working hand in hand to punish a journalist, publisher and whistle-blower. The WikiLeaks founder was first arrested in Britain in 2010 on a European warrant over sex crime allegations reported in Sweden – those charges were later dropped. While on bail, he took asylum in the Ecuador embassy in London, where he was holed up until 2019. He was kicked out of the embassy, and Britain rearrested him and put him in the high-security Belmarsh prison. After five years of life in jail, where he was largely confined to a solitary cell, the U.S. entered into a plea deal with Mr. Assange, that would set him free. The 52-year-old will plead guilty in the espionage case before a U.S. federal judge in Saipan, the capital of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. Commonwealth territory in the western Pacific. According to U.S. and British media, Mr. Assange is expected to be sentenced for about five years, the time he has already served in Britain. He will then go to Australia, his native country.

While Mr. Assange's release, which brings his years-long ordeal to an end and is a reprieve for those who have been fighting for him, is welcome news, the road towards this day was not smooth. The way he is being released still raises concerns. The classified documents WikiLeaks published were handed to Mr. Assange by Chelsea Manning, a U.S. military analyst. Ms. Manning was sentenced to 35 years in prison after being convicted of violating the Espionage Act. U.S. President Barack Obama commuted her sentence, allowing her to go free in 2017, but Mr. Assange remained unfree. The Trump Justice Department indicted him in 2019 on 18 counts. And the Biden administration continued to push for his extradition, which he fought doggedly. Last year, Australia's Labor Prime Minister Anthony Albanese urged the U.S. to conclude the case, while lawmakers there passed a resolution this year calling for Mr. Assange to be allowed to return home. In recent years, the case has also become a public relations disaster for Joe Biden's Democratic administration. So when Mr. Assange agreed to plead guilty, all sides found a deal to conclude the case that would get the U.S. a conviction which it had been seeking and Mr. Assange his freedom. Yet, the fact that Mr. Assange would be convicted for publishing state secrets is a setback for free speech. And the pursuit of a whistle-blower for over 14 years would remain a blot on western democracies, especially the U.K. and the U.S., forever.

Agony still in Manipur, a year later

Pradip Phanjoubam

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The high-level security meet on Manipur convened by the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, in New Delhi on June 17, 2024, was loudly conspicuous by its exclusion of the Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh. It also threw light on the way the Centre has been handling the violent ethnic clashes in Manipur between two of its major communities, the Meitei and Kuki-Zo tribes. There seem to be no signs of respite even after a year of bloodletting. It seems to confirm the long-held suspicion that there has been undeclared President's Rule in the State, with the Manipur government having been placed in virtual animated suspension.

Those invited for the meeting included Indian Army Chief Manoj Pande, Army Chief-designate Lieutenant GeneralUpendra Dwivedi, Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Intelligence Bureau director Tapan Kumar Deka. From the State were the Director General of Police Manipur, Rajiv Singh, and the Security Adviser, Kuldeip Singh – both brought in from outside the State and appointed to these posts in the wake of the outbreak of violence on May 3, 2023. As a media columnist pointed, also conspicuously absent were officers from Manipur's stakeholder communities.

Considering that this meeting had quickly followed another one Mr. Shah had had in New Delhi with the Manipur Governor, Anusuiya Uikey, speculations were rife that this was a prelude to a formal invocation of Article 365 to impose a spell of President's Rule in the State. This anticipation, however, proved premature, as it is now clear that the meeting merely chalked out a strategy to contain the violence so that a dialogue process between the two warring communities can be initiated.

The messaging about the State government

Not long after the ethnic violence broke out, it had become clear that the State government was no longer in charge. First, there was a viral news that Article 355 had been imposed in the State, passing on the State government's responsibility of law-and-order upkeep to the Centre. This was later officially denied. Still, from the patterns of security deployments and operations henceforth, it was more than apparent that the State government had been almost sidelined. For instance, Mr. Biren Singh was unceremoniously removed from the customary chairmanship of the unified command of the different security establishments in the State by an order of the Governor on May 31, 2023. Only his power to summon meetings of this body was retained.

It was probably unintentional, but in noisy cross-questioning in the Lok Sabha on August 9, 2023, during the no-confidence motion faced by the then National Democratic Alliance government, Mr. Shah when asked why the Manipur Chief Minister had still not been removed, again gave a glimpse of 'this unofficial Central rule'. In a Freudian slip, he said that there was no need for this as the Chief Minister was "cooperating" with the Centre.

> With the conflict dragging on, even the idea of victim and perpetrator has become blurred amidst an elusive peace

Earlier, when Mr. Shah made his first trip to Manipur on May 29, 2023, after a fortnight of lull punctuating the outbreak of mayhem in the State, violence again exploded in several places along the foothills. Mr. Shah made another declaration. There was to be a buffer zone along the foothills where the Imphal valley meets the surrounding hills. And, the hills were to be looked after by central forces while the State police were for the valley.

This may have been well-intentioned, but it proved to be ill-conceived. Probably, the assumption was that separating the warring communities would freeze the feud, and that normalcy would return. But when the conflict dragged on longer than anticipated, several unanticipated consequences became obvious. For one, the Meiteis, now confined in the valley, began to suspect the central forces, especially the Assam Rifles, of siding with the Kuki-Zos in the hills. And, conversely, the Kuki-Zos began viewing the State police as partisan to the Meiteis. This is despite the fact that the Assam Rifles has several Meitei officers and troopers, just as the Manipur police constabularies draw their recruits from the many communities in the State. These forces may just have been doing their brief, but amidst the dangerous and hateful passions, they ended up being coloured with communal hues.

The drift

The wisdom in the cliched adage that peace is not merely the absence of violence seems to have been completely missed. The absence of violence does give a semblance of normalcy, but when no efforts are made alongside to identify the underlying causes of discord and put them to rest, a single spark – intentional or accidental – can cause an inferno. This has been the pattern of clashes in Manipur's year of mayhem so far.

Today, the number of central and State forces in Manipur is estimated to be about 70,000 personnel. Yet, the outlook of unofficial President's Rule in Manipur has been to manage and moderate the feud, so as to keep the damage minimal and not resolve it. It is bewildering to wonder why no move has been made yet to clamp down on both sides of the fence, using proportionate and legitimate force, to establish the law firmly and to strengthen the hands of the law. Maybe it was the forthcoming general election then, and the issue of optics being the inhibitor – to have a Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled State under President's Rule would have been damaging. That the public resented this approach was demonstrated empathetically. In the 2024 general election, voters across the conflict buffer rejected the BJP in Manipur's two seats.

Reminiscent in this is also what Jolle Demmers writes in her book, *Theories of Violent Conflict: An Introduction*. In 1993, the United States-led North Atlantic Treaty Organization was set to strike Bosnia when genocidal clashes between Serb and Albanian Muslims broke out. The Albanians bore the brunt of it. But U.S. President Bill Clinton is said to have been gifted Robert D. Kaplan's best-selling *Balkan Ghosts*, which portrays the antagonism between the two communities as primordial. There was nothing much anybody could do to change the situation but to wait "until those folks got tired of killing each other". The intervention was delayed and peace could be restored only in 1995, after much preventable damage.

It is true that the roots of some conflicts are deeper than others but there can be nothing as primordial. Scholars agree that the objective must be to trace the roots of the problem, at whatever depth, and address them. There are too many, however, who are too eager to oversimplify and caricaturise conflicts, fitting them into set categories they are familiar with. Thus, Hindus, Muslims or hillmen and plainsmen are portrayed as preconditioned to hate each other.

The ground reality

The latest and officially confirmed body count in Manipur's tragic conflict is 225, of whom, 115 are Kuki-Zos, 102 are Meiteis and eight are from other communities. The picture is not very different when it comes to the numbers affected in displacement as well, for there has been mutual ethnic cleansing on either side of the newly-created conflict buffer. A year after the outbreak of violence, even the idea of victim and perpetrator, so readily lapped up by many, has become blurred.

With so many lives and properties having been lost already, asking people who have suffered these losses to come to terms with their losses and move on, especially when it involves loved ones, is never going to be easy. But there is no other way than for those who have suffered to see their trauma being shared by their adversaries. And in the acknowledgment of this shared suffering, find the empathy bond and, ultimately, common redemption in tragedy.

India needs the anchor of a national security strategy

Arzan Tarapore

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The new National Democratic Alliance government faces some thorny old problems in national security. It will have to make decisions – or else continue to defer them – on everything from whether to build another aircraft carrier, to the process of implementing theaterisation, to managing strategic relations with the United States and competition with China. How will the coalition government, with competing demands on its resources and attention, make those decisions?

Its best option is to step back and consider national security holistically, from first principles. It should not consider this reform or that relationship in a piecemeal, haphazard way; that would risk wasting scarce resources and undermining national goals. It should, instead, commit to a new rubric for making these decisions – it should commit to writing a National Security Strategy (NSS).

Most powerful states publish some form of national security strategy. India does not. Consequently, its capability investment decisions are made by haggling between the military services. Plans and priorities get stuck in well-worn grooves, and are never systematically re-evaluated. Grand strategic vision becomes concentrated in the hands of a few individuals at the apex of government, where it gets hidden behind closed doors, or crowded out by other political whims.

Many strategic risks

India cannot afford to be so reactive. The world is throwing up a slew of strategic risks, from climate change to pandemics, which require decades of coordinated policy effort to address. China alone represents an unprecedented array of interconnected challenges, from an explosive naval build-up, to geoeconomic clout in South Asia, to leverage in global supply chains. And even distant conflicts, from Ukraine to Gaza, are revealing new technologies and tactics of war that will invariably spread to India's neighbourhood.

> The country must have a regular process to make sense of growing global tumult and plan for it

India needs a regular process to make sense of this tumult and plan for it.

A blueprint for expanding power

A regular and well-crafted NSS would give India five critical benefits that it currently lacks. First and logically foremost, it would force the government to undertake a comprehensive strategic assessment – a review of the country's threats and opportunities, and a stocktake of global security trends. Such a periodic review would force New Delhi to spotlight evolving challenges, such as the growth of the Chinese navy, even though it does not pose an urgent and lethal threat today. In the absence of an NSS, long-term threats will be neglected until they pose an immediate and grave threat – when they will be much harder to manage.

Second, an NSS would provide a coherent framework for long-term planning. Strategic competition requires intense work in peacetime, to conceptualise how best to secure India's expanding interests and deter its adversaries, and then to develop the requisite military capabilities and international partnerships. An NSS, done rigorously, would give the government an overarching strategic blueprint to adjudicate, for example, between the Indian Navy demanding a new aircraft carrier, or the Indian Army seeking to raise a new infantry division. In the absence of such a process, scarce resources may get wasted on vanity projects with comparatively little strategic value, and the military services left scrambling to fill capability gaps with emergency procurements.

Third, an NSS would provide an instrument for signalling to friend and foe alike. It would help to clarify India's strategic intent – declaring that, for example, India takes seriously its role as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean, so that it will counter armed coercion against other, smaller countries.

Equally valuable, an NSS would also clarify India's policy for its partners, highlighting areas of converging interests, or explaining the limits on cooperation – to help mitigate instances of mismatched expectations.

Fourth, an NSS would create a mechanism to force various arms of the government to synchronise their efforts. Within the military, an NSS would give the Integrated Defence Staff and future joint organisations a clearer top-down mandate to better align the work of the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and Indian Navy. Beyond the military, an NSS would provide common goals and plans so that various national security agencies, including the Ministries of Defence, External Affairs, and Home Affairs, and the intelligence agencies, could better coordinate daily at the working level, rather than episodically at the Cabinet level.

Issue of accountability

Finally, an NSS would introduce a novel accountability tool, to ensure that the bureaucracy adheres to the political leadership's intent, and that the government's policies are as transparent as possible to Parliament and the people. The citizens of India have a legitimate need to know how their government is planning to safeguard their national security, and how well it is performing.

Some national security strategies are better than others. A fully effective strategy should be a public document issued with the imprimatur of the Prime Minister, because its purpose is to synchronise efforts widely across government, and credibly signal the government's political intent throughout the country and the world. A strong NSS would not automatically resolve conflicts between various arms of the government, but it should at least identify trade-offs and opportunity costs, so that political leaders can make rational decisions for long-term growth. In that way, an NSS would offer the intellectual scaffolding that is absolutely necessary for India to become one of the world's leading powers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Will work for consensus'

The Prime Minister's "aggressive note", that his government "Will work for consensus in Parliament, says Modi" (Page 1, June 25), is befuddling. Has the top leader forgotten that he needs to shun "double speak"? Right now, Modi phraseology is about one-way traffic. In the coalition government that he runs, the most important portfolios are with the BJP. The *pro tem* Speaker selection too has been his/the party's choice. Mr. Modi has already enjoyed two stints as Prime Minister. In his third term, he could accommodate fine gestures and democratic values.

P.K. Sharma,
Barnala, Punjab

Water seepage

The Prime Minister took a personal interest in the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, and the inauguration was grand. Alas, the gigantic structure now has flaws (Inside pages, "Chief priest complains of water seepage in Ayodhya Ram Temple", June 25). The traditional *Agama Shastra* does not seem to have been followed in the temple's construction

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

The report reminded me of something that is fundamental to the Indian way of life. My friend constructed a house some years ago and the structure was one of unmatched extravagance. Soon, the problems emerged. The expensive ornate windows and doors would not close properly. The drainage had many issues. The list can go on. We in India pay more attention to creating an impression, with needless extravagance, when close attention ought to be paid to the minute details. Only then can there be quality. Does anyone care?

Mohan Das,
Bengaluru

Nothing seems to be going right for the government, from competitive entrance examinations to the quality of temple construction. Ancient Indian temples have stood for hundreds of years without any issue because that were built out of devotion. Not for votes.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee,
Faridabad, Haryana

Food packaging

Unwrapping a biscuit pack in today's world is about getting past layers of plastic laminates. In my younger days, biscuits came wrapped in biodegradable, environment-friendly butter paper or paper flute board and were crispy with a good shelf-life. The Pollution Control boards must focus on the use of plastics in food wrappers.

Dinar L. Barros,
Betalbatim, Goa

Preventing another NEET fiasco

During the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) this year, scores and ranks were inflated. As a consequence, many candidates may not get admission to their desired college as predicted based on previous years' scores.

Coaching and admission counselling centres, typically run by business tycoons, have realised that clients, the NEET aspirants, have failed to secure preferred seats despite their advice. However, despite this fiasco, the industry has found a way to enhance their brand value through media and social media coverage. The owners of this trillion-rupee industry, along with the 23 lakh NEET aspirants this year, are up in arms. Their hypothesis is that mapping scores to ranks cannot vary very widely from previous years. In this conundrum, various allegations of cheating and paper leakage, amongst others, have been raised. Despite numerous crackdowns and investigations, paper leakage in medical admission exams remains a persistent issue.

Rajeev Kumar

a former Computer Science professor at IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, BITS Pilani, and JNU

No room for weak links

Since its inception, NEET has emerged as the largest exam in the 'One Exam, One Nation' model because of the number of candidates taking the exam, the number of languages the exam is conducted in, and the diversity of various other factors. The quality of education and the college fees payable are critical factors that vary widely. A seat in a top government college with good quality education could cost a few lakhs, whereas a seat in a private college could cost a few crores. Moreover, parents are willing to go beyond their means to secure higher ranks for their children in these competitive exams, as the family's reputation is considered to hinge on this.

Thus, the stakes in NEET are incredibly high, making it vulnerable to irregularities, accidental or intentional. Therefore, we need strong governance in the form of foolproof and complete Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and their compliance. There cannot be any weak link in the chain of operations from setting question papers to conducting the exam to admissions.

However, there are many weak links, as seen from the distribution of the wrong question paper at some centres, for example. Reportedly, some centres distributed the back-up question paper instead of the primary paper. How were both sets – the primary and the secondary/back-up question papers – accessed almost simultaneously? Were they accessed from banks' strongrooms or another reserve? How was the back-up question paper set taken from the banks' strongrooms without any emergency circumstances or protocols? There are several unanswered questions about the authorisation and attitude of the officials concerned. This seemingly inconsequential event is actually of enormous consequence and could give us an idea of how the exam was conducted this year.

This one error led to a cascade of errors. A wrong question paper was distributed, subsequently taken back along with the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheet, thus creating panic among the candidates. The correct question paper was then distributed, and no additional time was given for the time lost. Then, exceptionally huge grace marks were awarded for the time lost, which was later scrapped due to a public outcry.

Each of the above demonstrates the need for critical SOPs for complete governance of the exam, which includes several stakeholders such as those who set the question paper, translators, reviewers, the printing press, officials at examination centers, banks' strongrooms, and invigilators. Any loose links in this chain have the potential for malpractices. Only proper investigation may reveal any substantial wrongdoing.

Despite all the above pitfalls, it is commendable that the National Testing Agency (NTA) voluntarily disclosed most of the information, as per Section 4 of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005. Since the declaration of NEET 2024, the NTA has disclosed the most relevant information through its press releases. In addition, the NTA has followed SOPs for disclosure of answer keys, collecting feedback about wrong questions and answer keys, disclosure of the individual OMR sheet, and self-evaluation of one's score, which seem to have worked with no issues at all.

The way forward

It is on record that these SOPs were developed and directed through a decade-long (2006-2015) protracted legal battle by the author of this article in the Supreme Court and High Courts to ensure transparency and develop well-defined rational SoPs for admissions to the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). In one such judgment, the Supreme Court observed in 2011, "In fact the action taken by the appellants in challenging the procedure for JEE 2006, their attempts to bring in transparency in the procedure by various RTI applications, and the debate generated by the several views of experts during the course of the writ proceedings, have helped in making the merit ranking process more transparent and accurate."

However, this alone is not enough for NEET. The NTA should devise SOPs to get stabilised cut-offs, as done by the IITs, avoid inflated scores and ranks, and achieve a long-tail distribution. It should work to replace ad-hocism with well-defined, sound, and secure SOPs. It should follow a professional war-room culture to facilitate quick and sound decision-making during the entire process. As the Supreme Court said in 2011, "The selection process requires to be upgraded and fine-tuned year after year with periodic changes..., so that the selection process and examination remain relevant and meaningful."

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The persistent problem of toxic liquor

The State government does not seem to have learned lessons from the past

STATE OF PLAY

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The hooch tragedy on June 18 at Kallakurichi in Tamil Nadu, which has claimed 59 lives so far, has caused major embarrassment to the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)-led front, which has been celebrating its superlative performance in the Lok Sabha elections.

This is the second such tragedy in the last two years in the State. Just last year, 22 people died and 45 were hospitalised in Viluppuram and Chengalpattu districts after consuming toxic alcohol. This time, the death toll is much higher. So is the number of people who have been hospitalised (more than 150). Ironically, the government had informed the Assembly in 2023, before the deaths occurred, that there had been "no hooch tragedies in the State" in the last 14 years due to its "zero tolerance" policy towards blending units. Significantly, during 10 of those 14 years in question, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), now the principal Opposition party in the Assembly, was in power.

As was the case in 2023, action has been taken against police and other officials this time too. More than half a dozen people have been arrested so far. The victims predominantly belonged to Scheduled Castes and other vulnerable groups in society. Apart from announcing a solatium of ₹10 lakh each to the families of the deceased and ₹50,000 for those undergoing treatment, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has ordered the constitution of a one-man commission headed by Justice B. Gokuldas, a former High Court judge, to conduct an inquiry into the incident. The government has also offered to support the education of children in the villages affected by the tragedy. This is a change in approach by the DMK: in 1996, when people died after drinking contaminated liquor in Pudukottai, Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, Mr. Stalin's father, ruled out compensation to the victims and their families arguing that it could be construed as encouragement for people following the wrong path.

Methanol has been cited as the cause of many such incidents, at least since 1990. When it was found to be the main reason for hooch tragedies in 2002, the liquid chemical was brought within the ambit of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937. Yet, it was once again cited as the cause of the 2023 incident, too.

The residents of Kallakurichi knew well that spurious liquor was being sold and consumed. It is hard to believe that the government was completely unaware of the prevalence and spread of the problem. It is said that products sold through the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (TASMAC) are priced higher than illicit liquor, which is why people prefer the latter. It is not yet known whether the Intelligence Wing of the police tipped the authorities of the likelihood of the May 2023 episode recurring. Leading a demonstration in Kallakurichi on June 24, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami claimed that his fellow legislator from the area, M. Senthilkumar, had not only tried to move a calling attention motion in the Assembly last year on this issue, but even alerted the police officer concerned, a few days before the tragedy occurred at Kallakurichi.

Data of the last three decades show that hooch tragedies have invariably occurred in north Tamil Nadu. In other words, they have taken place within a radius of 200-250 km from Chennai, the capital of the State. It is also pertinent to note that in the last 10 years or so, other southern States have not reported any comparable incident of this nature. On June 21, Mr. Stalin informed the Assembly that the methanol used at Kallakurichi to produce the hooch was brought from Puducherry.

While the whole incident requires deeper scrutiny, the Opposition has demanded that the Chief Minister resign and the case be transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation. While hearing a petition filed by the AIADMK, the Madras High Court wondered whether any lessons had been learned from the previous incidents and any preventive action taken to avert them. The founder of the Naam Tamilar Katchi, Seeman, argued that instead of using the taxpayers' money, the government should have made bootleggers pay the compensation.

The State government does not seem to have learned lessons from the past. Meanwhile, the Opposition parties, which performed disastrously in the Lok Sabha elections because of division within their ranks, continue to operate in silos to highlight the government's failure on the Kallakurichi incident.

Lack of focus, not finance, behind sluggish Kavach deployment

Under 2% of the Indian Railways' yearly capital expenditure is enough to implement Kavach across all engines and tracks in 10 years

DATA POINT

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The railway accident on June 17 involving the Sealdah-bound Kanchenjunga Express and a goods train in Darjeeling, West Bengal, has once brought focus to the absence of 'Kavach', India's Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system. Ten people died in the incident. On average, 80 people are killed annually in train collisions in India **(Chart 1).**

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw reviewed the progress of an advanced version of the ATP Kavach 4.0 a week after the accident. He directed the installation to be taken up in "mission mode". Data show that availability of funds is not the worry for implementing Kavach; the issue lies with the pace at which it is being deployed.

Kavach can warn loco pilots if the train is at risk of overshooting the signal at red. It also has the capability of automatically applying the brakes if the loco pilot fails to reduce the speed below a certain limit. The three systems needed to implement Kavach are Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags placed in the tracks; the engine setup with RFID readers, a computer, and brake interface equipment; and radio towers installed at railway stations. The cost of installing Kavach in the tracks, including station equipment, is ₹50 lakh per kilometre. It costs ₹70 lakh to fit the equipment in one engine.

The route length of the Indian Railways is approximately 68,000 km. The cost of equipping Kavach on this route is about ₹34,000 crore (68,000 km X ₹50 lakh). There are about 15,200 diesel and electric engines in the Railways network. The cost of equipping the total fleet is ₹10,640 crore (15,200 engines X ₹70 lakh). In total, it costs about ₹45,000 crore to implement the system across all the tracks and in all the engines. Given that the job will require skilled labour, specially designed equipment, and traffic diversion during implementation, assuming a 10-year window for deployment would mean that the yearly cost would be ₹4,500 crore.

The capital expenditure budget of the Railways increased substantially in the past few years to peak at ₹2,52,000 crore in FY25 **(Chart 2).** Even assuming that there is no increase in this amount in the next 10 years, the yearly cost of deploying Kavach is still less than 2% of the capital expenditure every year (₹4,500 crore/₹2,52,000 crore). This shows that covering the entire Railways network with Kavach would require only a small fraction of the Railways' budget.

The current rate of progress of installation of Kavach is sluggish. Field trials on passenger trains started in February 2016. Three firms were approved to supply the equipment in 2018-19. Kavach was adopted as the national ATP system in July 2020. As Chart 3 shows, until February this year, of the 68,000 km of route length (Rkm), Kavach has only been installed only in 1,465 Rkm (close to 2% of the total). Of a total of about 15,200 diesel and electric locos, only 139 are equipped with Kavach (less than 1% of the total).

Even if we were to assume that the government did this in one year instead of four years (2020 to 2024), it would take another 46 years to deploy this system across all route km (68,000/1,465) and at least a hundred years to install Kavach in all engines (15,200/139) at the current pace. To be able to complete the installation of Kavach in 10 years, the pace will have to be increased to 6,800 Rkm/year for the tracks and 1,500 locos/year. Table 4 lists the calculations.

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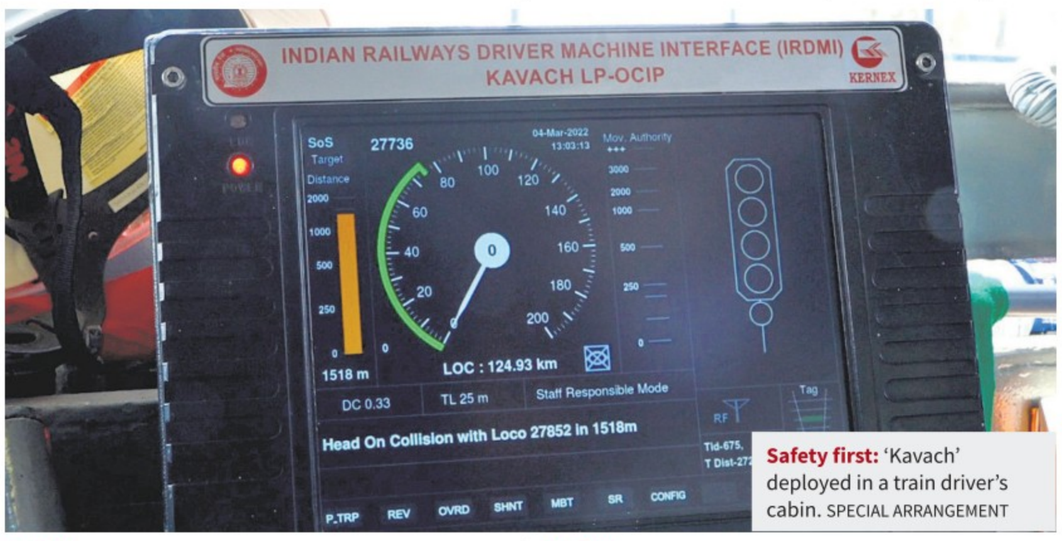
On a slow track

The data for the charts were sourced from the NCRB, the Press Information Bureau, and India Budget



Safety first: 'Kavach' deployed in a train driver's cabin. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chart 1: Number of people killed annually in train collisions in India

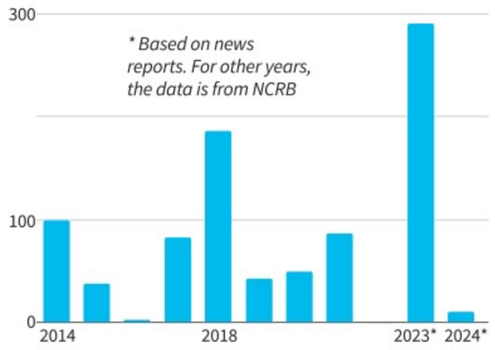


Chart 2: The Indian Railways' capital expenditure budget increased substantially in the past few years to peak at ₹2,52,000 crore in FY25

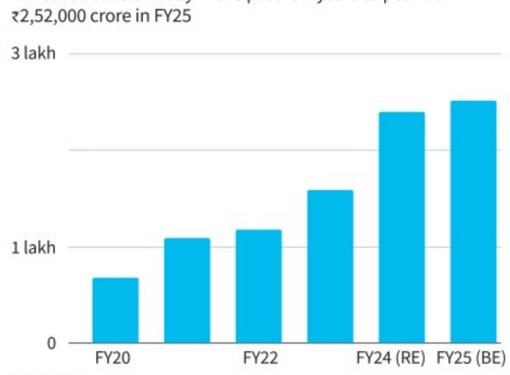


Chart 3: The deployment of Kavach annually in route kilometres (Rkm)

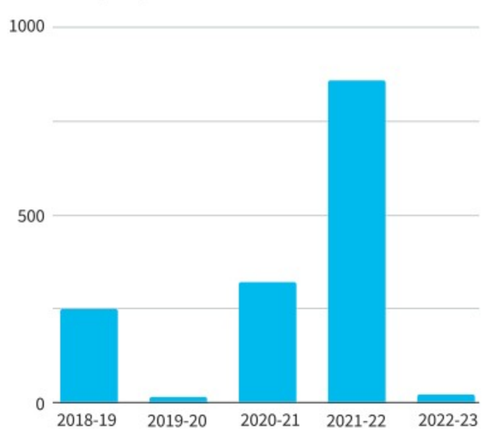


Table 4: The table shows key numbers involved to estimate the pace and cost of implementing the Kavach system

Parameter	Track	Loco
Cost per unit	50 lakh per Rkm	70 lakh per engine
Final goal	68,000 Rkm	15,200 engines
Total cost	₹34,000 crore	₹10,640 crore
Combined cost	~ ₹45,000 crore	
Coverage achieved till Feb. 2024	1,465 Rkm	139 engines
Years it will take at current pace*	46 years	100 years
Required pace to achieve goal in 10 years	6,800 Rkm/year	1,500 locos/year

* Assuming that the government implemented Kavach along the 1,465 Rkm and in 139 engines in one year instead of four years (2020 to 2024)

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 26, 1974

Sikkim ruler in Delhi for talks on new Constitution

New Delhi, June 25: The Chogyal of Sikkim arrived here to-night for discussion with the Government of India on the new Constitution for the Himalayan Kingdom. The Chogyal left Gangtok early this morning with some senior officials in the wake of the State-wide protest, launched by the supporters of the Sikkim Congress against his reluctance to give assent to the new Constitution Bill.

The draft Constitution sought to usher in a democratic set-up which implied considerable curtailment of the Chogyal's powers and position. The Sikkim ruler is reported to have felt that some of the provisions went against the Indo-Sikkimese Treaty of 1950.

The Chogyal is expected to put forward his case in detail when he meets the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister here tomorrow.

From the observations he made to pressmen soon after his arrival here it was clear that he had strong reservations on the draft Constitution. He contended that the Assembly had not yet passed the resolution containing its recommendations on the Bill, he added. He also denied that during his last visit to Delhi he had indicated his consent to the clauses in the draft Constitution. According to him, he had told the Indian authorities that he would study the draft and convey his comments to the Prime Minister.

The Sikkim Ruler denied that he was holding back from signing the draft Constitution Bill. Asked about the delay in giving his assent to it, he replied that the Bill went before the Assembly on June 20 for consideration and its recommendations had now come to him in the form of a resolution. "It has not been discussed as a Bill yet. These recommendations are receiving my consideration. It will take a little time as you will appreciate that it is a constitutional matter," he added.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 26, 1924

The "Advocate of India"

Bombay, June 25: The "Advocate of India", an oldest English evening daily paper of Bombay, the property of Messrs. F.F. Gordon Ltd. in liquidation, was sold by auction this evening. Bidding opened at Rs. 70,000 and closed at a lakh and a quarter at which price the property was secured jointly by Messrs. D.R. Vaidya, Architect and R.F. Munshi, Barrister.

From Page One

LS to witness rare contest for Speaker post

Union Ministers Piyush Goyal of the BJP and Lalan Singh of the Janata Dal (United) accused the Opposition of resorting to "pressure politics" by putting precondition.

The decision to field Mr. Suresh had also exposed the fault lines within the INDIA bloc as Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee had accused the Congress of taking a unilateral decision without consulting them. Almost immediately, the Congress's top leadership reached out to Trinamool and managed to secure their backing for the Opposition candidate.

"It is not about winning or losing but about a convention that the Speaker will be of ruling party and the Deputy Speaker from the Opposition," Mr. Suresh told *The Hindu*.

"Now we are recognised as the Opposition and the Deputy Speaker post is our right," the INDIA bloc's nominee added.

Sri Lankan sailor dies in action on fishing boats

The sailor died of injuries at the Teaching Hospital in Jaffna.

The Sri Lankan Navy said it "frequently encounters aggressive manoeuvres by Indian trawlers" that often result in injuries to naval personnel and damage to Navy's ships and craft.

The arrested fishermen were taken to the Kankesanthurai naval base, sources in Tamil Nadu said.

This is the third incident of the arrest of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy this month.

The Sri Lankan Navy's account of the mid-sea confrontation is a reflection of an enduring fisheries conflict in the Palk Strait that severely impacts daily waged fisherfolk in northern Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu, without any durable solution at sight. *(With inputs from Dennis S Jesudasan in Chennai)*

Delhi HC stays bail granted to Kejriwal

"The [trial court] Vacation Judge while passing the Impugned Order did not appropriately appreciate the material/documents submitted on record and pleas taken by ED," the High Court said.

"Accordingly the application [ED's] is allowed. The operation of the impugned order is stayed," Justice Kumar ruled.

AAP said it would challenge the order in the SC.

Special judge Niyay Bindu of Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court on June 20 ordered the release of Mr. Kejriwal on a bail bond of ₹1 lakh. She pointed out that the federal agency had failed to procure any direct evidence linking him to the proceeds of the crime. However, the ED moved the HC the next day, alleging that the ruling was "perverse" and based on irrelevant facts.

Railways to bring down speed of select trains

Yet, the North Central Railway came up with another proposal on June 25, 2024, to slow down the speed of the trains to 130 kmph.

As repair or maintenance of TPWS was not possible, according to a report of the Divisional Railway Manager, the Railway Board was requested to downgrade the premium trains to be operated "at a much safer speed of 130 kmph", the sources said.

Since two zonal railways had given in writing the need to slow down the premium trains citing safety as the reason, the Railway Board would have no other option but to approve, the sources said.

Asked if the speed of Vande Bharat Express being operated on other routes across the country would also be reduced, another railway officer said the semi-high-speed trains were running only at 130 kmph on almost all the routes except along a few stretches in the Delhi-Kanpur sector where the track was fit for 160 kmph.

'Moscow preparing for likely visit by Modi'

The Russian agency said that preparations were being made for Mr. Modi's visit in "early July". The External Affairs Ministry declined to comment, and no confirmation of Mr. Ushakov's statement was made by the government. Mr. Modi is also due to visit Russia in October as Mr. Putin plans to host the extended 10-member BRICS Summit in Kazan. The plans for a bilateral meeting with Mr. Putin are significant as Mr. Modi decided last week to cancel plans to travel to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council meeting to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan on July 3 and 4.

Mr. Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif, and leaders of Iran and Central Asian states are due to attend.

On Tuesday, Mr. Modi is understood to have conveyed to Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev that he would not be able to attend the SCO Summit, where India has been a full member since 2017.

Two more arrested in Arang mob 'lynching' case

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Two more people were arrested on Tuesday in connection with the death of three cattle transporters from Uttar Pradesh in Arang earlier this month.

With this, the total number of arrests in the case – the victims' families have alleged an act of mob lynching – is now four. The police are yet to shed light on the events that led to the killings on June 7.

The two men arrested on Tuesday are Mahasamund residents Navin Singh Thakur, and Mayank Sharma. Thakur works as a driver while the latter is a goods transporter, the police said.

The police arrested two others identified as Harsh Mishra and Raja Agarwal on June 22 and 23, respectively.

On June 7, Saddam Qureshi, 23, and his cousins Guddu Khan, 35, and Chand Miya Khan, 23, were waylaid while transporting cattle from Chhattisgarh's Mahasamund to the State capital. They were attacked by a mob on the Mahanadi river bridge in Arang.

Atishi taken to hospital, ends fast for water supply

AAP will write to Prime Minister Modi to provide Delhi with its rightful share of water from Haryana, Sanjay Singh says; BJP alleges that she was fasting to hide 'administrative failures'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Delhi Water Minister Atishi was rushed to hospital in the early hours of Tuesday after she fell ill while sitting on a hunger strike for the past four days to demand water for Delhi in view of a severe shortage.

Ms. Atishi was admitted to the emergency ICU at Lok Nayak Hospital, and her condition is stable now. She began her hunger strike on June 21.

Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh said the Minister ended her fast after she was hospitalised.

The senior AAP leader was admitted to LNJP Hospital around 3.45 a.m., Mr. Singh said.

He added all MPs of the party would write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide Delhi with its rightful share of water from Haryana. The issue will also be raised by the AAP and its political allies in Parliament, he added.

Relentless strike: AAP members and supporters take part in a candle march in support of Delhi Water Minister Atishi for her hunger strike in in New Delhi on Monday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Wishing her good health, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva said that she should stop misleading the public.

"We have been saying since June 21 that you cannot do Satyagraha because you have no connection with truth, Ms. Atishi," he added.

The BJP leader further said, "The essence of Satyagraha is to fight for the truth. From Mahatma Gandhi and Lala Lajpat Rai to Vinoba Bhave and Anna Hazare, satyagrahis fasted to reveal the truth, not to hide their administrative failures, as Ms. Atishi intended to do."

A post on X from Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's official handle said the people of the city "will definitely give a reply to the injustice that the BJP government is doing" to the national capital. The post has been made by his team.

"Delhi's Water Minister Atishi *ji* was on an indefinite hunger strike so that the people of Delhi could get their rightful share of water. She has been admitted to the hospital after her health deteriorated last night.

"Today, every Delhiite is worried about her health. The people of Delhi will definitely give a reply to the injustice that the BJP government is doing to Delhi. We all wish Atishi good health. Every Delhiite is with her in this satyagraha. Posted by: Team Arvind Kejriwal," the post read.

Release minor held in Pune car crash case: Bombay HC

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday ordered the release of a 17-year-old accused in the Pune luxury car accident case that killed two young IT professionals. The court declared the remand order illegal and set it aside.

A Division Bench of Justice Bharati Dangre and Justice Manjusha Deshpande pronounced the order on Tuesday after reserving it on June 21. Passing the order, the Bench observed that the custody order passed by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) was illegal and issued without jurisdiction, and allowed a *habeas corpus* writ petition filed by the paternal aunt of the accused who filed the plea seeking his release from the observation home.

The Bench said, "We order his release. The Child in Conflict with Law/minor (CCL) shall be in the care and custody of the petitioner [paternal aunt]." The court also observed that though the accident was unfortunate, the boy could not be kept in an observation home.

Cost of future wars is enormous, resources should be optimised: Chief of Defence Staff

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Saying that the cost of future wars would be "enormous", Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan on Tuesday stressed the need to optimise resources and manpower and bring in efficiencies to afford weapons and systems of the future.

Before talks of fusion between civil and military resources, there should be fusion within the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, General Chauhan said.

"We have taken that up (service integration) and at last count, we had almost 170-odd initiatives where the three Services can work together in an integrated manner. In these processes, we will be able to optimise time, resources, processes, infrastructure and manpower," General Chauhan said at the Air Force capstone seminar which marked the culmination of the third Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Program (WASP) course.

Strategic programme

WASP is a strategic education programme of 15 weeks that was started in 2022 to provide participants with a deep understanding of geopolitics, grand strategy and comprehensive national power, and is conducted by the IAF along with the College of Air Warfare and Centre for Air Power Studies.

General Anil Chauhan

General Chauhan said that after integration within the three Services, the logical step would be to take the approach forward to other Services. For instance, the Navy and Coast Guard can get the inventories and maintenance, repair and overhaul together. "We can also involve the Central Armed Police Forces into whatever logistics and infrastructure (need to be) created," he said.

Alternate ways

He added that there are "hundreds of things where we can actually help the government to reduce costs". "Because the cost of future wars is enormous, weapon systems and platforms are going to be very costly," he said.

Noting that civil aviation is expanding, General Chauhan asked if it could have a military payoff. "We need to think on alternative ways of doings things. It has to be very practical and time bound," he said.

Addressing the seminar, IAF chief Air Chief Marshal V. R. Chaudhari said WASP has refined the definition of scholar warriors.

"A scholar warrior is a military professional who combines intellectual acumen with combat prowess in today's increasingly complex and dynamic security environment," he said.

Talking of India's strategic culture, the Air Force chief said it is shaped by historical experiences and the ever-evolving geopolitical environment. "It emphasises strategic autonomy, caution and a strong focus on territorial integrity," he said.

VHP leader's murder: NIA offers ₹10 lakh for leads

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday declared a ₹10-lakh cash reward each for the arrest of two persons accused of being involved in the murder of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Vikas Prabhakar in Punjab's Nangal on April 13.

The agency has identified the accused as Harjit Singh, aka Laddi, son of Kuldip Singh and resident of Garpadhana in Nawanshahr, Punjab, and Kulbeer Singh, aka Sidhu, son of Sukhvinder Singh and resident of Yamuna Nagar in Jagadhari, Haryana.

Former BJD Minister lets his dogs loose on journalist

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

A former Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Minister allegedly let his dogs loose on a woman journalist who had gone to his official residence for reporting the demolition of unauthorised construction on neighbouring premises.

The incident took place when Chinmayee Sahoo, a journalist with a local TV channel, *Argus News*, had gone to the official residence of former Information and Public Relation Minister Raghunandan Das. His official house is adjacent to the premises of BJD's organisational secretary Pranab Prakash Das, who was in the eye of storm over his alleged unauthorised construction in his government-provided residence.

She said, "As we were about to leave, he let his two dogs on me. When I screamed for help, his security guards managed to control the dogs at the nick of time. All these conversations were captured on live television feed."

Ahead of roll-out of the new criminal laws, Union Home Ministry tests eSakhsya App

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The mobile application will be available to all police stations to download and register

Days ahead of the implementation of the three criminal laws, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is testing eSakshya (e-evidence), a mobile-phone application to help police record scene of crime, search and seizure in a criminal case and upload the file on the cloud-based platform. The police official will have to upload a selfie after the procedure is complete. Each recording could be maximum four minutes long and several such files could be uploaded for each First Information Report (FIR), according to the details shared with State police departments.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) that replaces the Indian Penal Code, 1860; the Bharatiya Sakshya (BS) which replaces the Indian Evidence Act, 1872; and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) that replaces the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 are all set to come into force from July 1.

Conviction rate

The BNSS mandates compulsory audiovisual recording of search and seizure in each criminal case and mandatory forensic examination in all cases where an offence attracts punishment of seven years or more. Procuring hardware and cloud space is an expensive affair and many States do not have enough resources, said an official, adding that it will also help uniformity in investigations, thereby increasing the conviction rate.

The mobile application developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) will be available to all police stations which register and download the app.

A senior government official said the app was under final stages of trial and the police were given two options. "If there is connectivity issue, the police can record the crime scene on their own device such as personal mobile phones and generate a hash value, come back to the police station and upload the file. The other method is they can directly upload through eSakhsya for which good Internet speed is required," explained the official.

Another police officer cautioned that the sanctity of the chain of evidence submission will have to be adhered to, else, it could benefit an accused.

"Many accused escape the clutches of law due to procedural infirmities. The new laws make everything digital; if there is slightest of issue in procuring digital evidence, it could lead to criminals walking free. Forensic evidence is not always challenged on the grounds of quality but on the chain of command," said the officer.

Urban Affairs Ministry to revamp affordable housing scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), a scheme to enable affordable housing for urban poor, would be revamped with new features based on learning from the past nine years since when it has been operational, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs said on Tuesday.

The PMAY (Urban), launched in 2015, has been given an extension till December 2024. The mission aims to address urban housing shortage among the poor and middle income groups, including the slum dwellers, by ensuring a *pucca* house to all eligible urban households.

A senior official of the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said that the revamp would focus on ensuring that there are no delays on reaching out to beneficiaries who have signed up for the scheme.

The Ministry had also announced a scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24 and 2022-23 and for improving and speeding up basic urban planning ecosystem in cities by incentivising the States.

APPEAL

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More Opposition MPs swear by Constitution on second day of oath-taking

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Mahua Moitra of the Trinamool Congress and former Speaker Om Birla were among the prominent MPs who took oath on the second day of the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha.

Those who affirmed their duties as lawmakers included Kanimozhi of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, BJP MP and actor Hema Malini, Supriya Sule of the Nationalist Congress Party and All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi.

A total of 262 members took oath on Monday, *pro-tem* speaker Bhatruhari Mahtab said as the House assembled in the morning. Among those who could not be present were Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, Shatrughan Sinha and Deepak Adhikari of the Trinamool, Afzal Ansari of the Samajwadi Party and Independents Rashid Engineer and Amritpal Singh.

DMK leader Kanimozhi taking oath as a Lok Sabha MP in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

'Red Constitution'

Mr. Gandhi, who took oath as MP for Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh, said "Jai Hind, Jai Samvidhan" (hail India, hail Constitution) as he held aloft a copy of the red Constitution book.

Several Opposition MPs took oath while holding a copy of the Constitution.

Chhatrapal Singh Gangwar, BJP MP for Bareilly, elicited protests from the Opposition ranks for making a majoritarian comment after taking oath.

A reference to a West Asian region by Mr. Owaisi also triggered an uproar. Reacting to his comments, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told presspersons outside the House: "Is it appropriate for any member to raise a slogan praising another country? We will see the rules".

Independent MP from Purnea in Bihar, Pappu Yadav took oath wearing a shirt with "RE-NEET" written on it.

As Manipur MPs Angomcha Bimol Akoijam and Alfred Kan-Ngam Arthur, were called for taking oath, Opposition members shouted "Manipur, Manipur".

When Ms. Moitra, who had been expelled from the 17th Lok Sabha, walked up to take oath, her party MPs were heard shouting, "Look how she has come back. The ethics committee has lost, Mahua Moitra has won".

Rahul Gandhi to be Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

It is the first constitutional position that he would be holding in his 20-year political career; the announcement was made after a meeting of the floor leaders of INDIA bloc at Kharge's residence

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi will be the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, the Congress announced on Tuesday.

The announcement was made after a meeting of the floor leaders of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) grouping at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's official residence.

The decision came on a day when Mr. Gandhi took oath as an MP for the fifth consecutive term. This is the first constitutional position that Mr. Gandhi would be holding in his 20-year-old political career.

As LoP, Mr. Gandhi is likely to open the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President for her address to the join session of Parliament when the Lok Sabha takes it up later this week or next week.

Key decision: Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi during a meeting with floor leaders of the INDIA bloc. ANI

The LoP, enjoying the rank of a Cabinet Minister, is also on the selection panel for key official appointments such as Election Commissioner, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director, Central Vigilance Commissioner and National Human Rights Commission chief.

'Letter sent to Mahtab'

"Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson [Sonia Gandhi] has already sent a letter to *pro tem* Speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab, informing him that Rahul Gandhi will be the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha," party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal told presspersons.

"As Congress president, I am confident that a leader who has traversed the length and breadth of the country from Kanniyakumari to Kashmir, and from Manipur to Maharashtra shall raise the voice of the people – especially the marginalised and the poor," party chief Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X (formerly Twitter).

'Voice of people'

"We are confident that as LoP, Rahul *ji* will be a bold voice for the common people of India and ensure that the NDA government is held firmly accountable at all times," Mr. Venugopal added in a post on X.

The Congress was unable to secure the official post of Leader of the Opposition 2014 and 2019 as the party did not have the minimum required 10% strength in the 543-member Lok Sabha.

However, with 99 MPs, the party is now entitled to the post, and therefore, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) had urged Mr. Gandhi to take over the responsibility.

Bail petitions should not be adjourned indefinitely: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday made it loud and clear that courts should not indefinitely adjourn bail applications, while hearing a plea filed by former Delhi Minister Satyender Jain.

Mr. Jain was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on allegations of money laundering in May 2022. Appearing before a Bench led by Justice Manoj Misra, senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, for the AAP leader, said the Delhi High Court had adjourned his bail plea for six weeks.

"It goes without saying that bail prayers are not to be indefinitely adjourned and therefore, we hope and trust that the High Court shall take its own call in the matter," the Supreme Court observed in an order.

The court recorded this observation on its order after Mr. Singhvi urged that the High Court decide the bail plea on July 9, the date of hearing fixed by it.

Congress curbed rights during Emergency, has no right to speak for Constitution: PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The 49th anniversary of the imposition of the Emergency became the springboard from which Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a sharp attack on the Congress, saying the Opposition party had in the past "trampled over the Constitution". The Congress has been accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party of subverting the Constitution.

He said the "dark days" following the imposition of the Emergency on June 25, 1975, which led to the jailing of political activists and suspension of civil liberties, were a reminder of how the Congress "subverted basic freedoms and trampled over the Constitution which every Indian respects greatly".

Scathing attack: BJP chief J.P. Nadda during a programme 'Dark Days of Democracy', in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

"Those who imposed the Emergency have no right to profess their love for our Constitution," Mr. Modi said in a series of posts on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter).

"These are the same people who have imposed Article 356 (President's Rule in a State) on innumerable occasions, got a Bill to destroy press freedom, destroyed federalism and violated every aspect of the Constitution," he posted.

"The mindset which led to the imposition of the Emergency is very much alive among the same party which imposed it. They hide their disdain for the Constitution through their tokenism but the people of India have seen through their antics and that is why they have rejected them time and again," he said.

The then Congress government had disregarded every democratic principle and turned the nation into a jail, "Just to cling on to power," Mr. Modi said.

"Socially regressive policies were unleashed to target the weakest sections," he said.

'Voices suppressed'

The BJP marked the occasion with party president and Union Minister J.P. Nadda speaking to workers at the party headquarters here, saying the Congress's decision to impose the Emergency "had shaken the very pillars of democracy".

"During this period, those who today claim to be guardians of Indian democracy left no effort to suppress voices raised in defence of constitutional values," Mr. Nadda said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah recalled former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's words in Parliament on the subject of Emergency.

"The *yuvraj* of the Congress [a reference to party leader Rahul Gandhi] has forgotten that his grandmother imposed the Emergency and his father, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, on July 23, 1985, said in the Lok Sabha, taking much pride in this horrific episode: 'There is nothing wrong with an Emergency if any Prime Minister of this country who feels that an Emergency is necessary, under these circumstances and does not apply the Emergency, he is not fit to be the Prime Minister of this country.' This very act of taking pride in a dictatorial act shows that nothing else is dear to the Congress other than the family and power," Mr. Shah posted on X.

Prime Minister raking up past to hide his failures, says Congress president

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi kept raking up the past to hide his failures. The remarks came as Mr. Modi and BJP leaders attacked the party for the Emergency in 1975.

Referring to the Prime Minister's stress on consensus, he pointed out the instances when the Modi government took decisions unilaterally.

"Modi*ji*, the country is looking forward to the future but you keep scratching the past to hide your failures. In the past 10 years, you made 140 crore Indians realise what 'undeclared Emergency' is, which caused a deep trauma to democracy and the Constitution," Mr. Kharge said in a post on X. "Breaking parties, toppling elected governments through the backdoor, misuse of agencies like ED, CBI, IT against 95 per cent of Opposition leaders, putting Chief Ministers in jail, and using the official machinery before elections and disturbing the level playing field, is this not undeclared Emergency," he asked.

Kharge brings up instances when Modi government took 'unilateral decisions'

"Modi*ji* talks of consensus and cooperation but his actions are just the opposite," he said. He asked whether there was consensus when 146 Opposition MPs were suspended from Parliament and three new laws were brought to change the Code of Criminal Procedure, Indian Penal Code and Indian Evidence Act.

"Where was the consensus when statues of stalwarts like Chhatrapati Shivaji, Mahatma Gandhi and Babasaheb Ambedkar were relocated within Parliament complex without even asking the Opposition. Where was this consensus when three new farm laws were forced on 15 crore farmer families and they had to sit on the roads for months together," Mr. Kharge added.

"The BJP has disregarded democracy and Constitution while the Congress has always stood by democracy and the Constitution and will continue to do so," he said.

From the first Lok Sabha to the 18th, a snapshot of Speaker elections

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The hard-fought, polarised election continues to inform the first session of the Lok Sabha with the election to the Speaker's post being contested by two candidates, Om Birla of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) who was the Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha, and K. Suresh, eight-term MP from the Congress.

This is, however, not the first instance that the Speaker's post has seen a contest, with at least three previous occasions witnessing voting on the floor of the House, while in two other instances, the Opposition parties put up a candidate but the Speaker's election was held on the basis of a voice vote.

According to Ravindra Garimella, former Joint Secretary (Legislation), Lok Sabha Secretariat, the first time an election for the Speaker's post took place was in the first Lok Sabha of 1952, when G.V. Mavalankar defeated Shantaram More.

Keen contest: Former Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is the National Democratic Alliance's candidate for the election. ANI

Then again, in 1967, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy of the Congress won against Tenneti Viswanathan, whose candidature was supported by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, then an MP.

And finally, in 1976, during the Emergency, in the fifth Lok Sabha, Baliram Bhagat was elected Speaker against a competing claim by Jagannath Rao Joshi of the Jana Sangh.

"In 1976, the election of Baliram Bhagat was necessitated by the fact that the previous Speaker had been made a Cabinet Minister in the then Congress government," Mr. Garimella said.

There were two other instances when competing candidates were put up, in the 10th and 12th Lok Sabha, respectively, but since the government's candidates were elected via a voice vote, other motions were considered lapsed.

These instances shine light on the fact that despite the vicissitudes of coalition politics, it has been a while since voting has taken place in a contest to elect the Speaker.

The BJP, reduced to 240 MPs in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, and at the head of a coalition government, is keen to demonstrate its dominance of the House and the stability of its coalition.

The effort, say sources in the party, is to register a comprehensive number backing their candidate, over and above the NDA's numbers, for which four YSRCP MPs have also pledged their support to the NDA.

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju stressed that the Lok Sabha Speaker was above party lines and it was a desirable aim that his or her election to the post should be unanimous and without rancour.

For the Opposition, contesting would be an opportunity to demonstrate the consolidation of the anti-NDA bloc.

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INBRIEF

Jaishankar meets Chinese Ambassador Xu Feihong

Chinese Ambassador Xu Feihong called on External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday. The meeting came days after a high-powered U.S. Congressional delegation visited Dharamshala and met Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama. "We exchanged views on China-India relations. Look forward to working with the Indian side to push forward the development of China-India relations towards the right direction," Mr. Xu Feihong said. The Minister also met a number of other envoys, including High Commissioner of Sri Lanka Kshenuka D. Senewiratne and High Commissioner of New Zealand Patrick John Rata.

Government officer driving in inebriated state kills three

A woman and two of her nieces were killed and her daughter was injured after an Additional Block Development Officer ran them over with his car in Tehri Garhwal of Uttarakhand on Tuesday. The accused was in an inebriated state when caught by the public, after the accident. The video of the accident, making rounds on social media, shows Reena Negi, 34, walking on the roadside along with the children when a speeding car, on the wrong side, hits them. One of the children was flung into the air in the collision, while the other violently hit the ground. The sound of the collision and cries for help by the woman prompted the local people to rush to the spot and rescue the injured.

NEET-UG case: Maharashtra police detain 2 'sub-agents'

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

The Maharashtra Police have detained two "sub-agents" who were allegedly working under the "direction" of one of the arrested zilla parishad teachers involved in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) question paper leak case, informed sources said on Tuesday.

The two persons have been detained from Beed district, and they were reportedly in touch with Jalil Pathan, who was arrested on Sunday and will be in police custody till July 2. The other zilla parishad teacher involved in the case, Sanjay Jadhav, was on Tuesday produced before a local court where he was sent to police custody till July 2.

The accused teachers were said to have taken advance payment of ₹50,000, while the remaining amount – said to be in lakhs – was to be given by the candidate after they "passed" the test. After candidates paid the advance, their admit cards were given to Iranna Kongalwar from Nanded. A case was registered against four at the Shivajinagar police station in Latur on Sunday night.

NTA reform panel to elicit views of parents, students

Revised NEET-PG date will be announced next week, says President of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences; CBI seals NTA office in New Delhi and curtails outsider entry

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

A day after convening the first meeting of the National Testing Agency reform committee, K. Radhakrishnan, head of the panel and former ISRO Chairman, said on Tuesday that its first priority was to elicit from students and parents across the country their concerns and suggestions regarding the recent instances of exam paper leak that had compromised the NTA's integrity.

"We are going to engage with them as far as possible in person or through electronic media, and in the next fortnight, we will like to consolidate this," he said in a statement.

"The next priority for us is to build quickly a robust system for starting the tests. We are also looking at the future – to develop in this country a robust tamper-proof system, a system with zero error, and a system which will lessen difficulty and stress for the students with adequate flexibility built into it."

A day after taking over all police cases pertaining to the National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (NEET) undergraduate paper leak across States, the Central Bureau of Investigation sealed off the first floor of the NTA office in NSIC-MDBP building here, and covered the premises with white cloth to prevent any public view of the offices. The office is under heavy security with multiple checkpoints, and movement of people has been severely curtailed.

In strength: Youth Congress workers staging a protest in Gurugram on Tuesday against the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG. PTI

New date

Setting aside rumours on social media that NEET-PG, 2024, which is conducted by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, has been indefinitely delayed, Board president Abhijat Sheth said the revised date would be announced next week.

Dr. Sheth said the integrity of the test had never been in doubt. "For the past seven years, we have conducted it successfully but in view of the recent events, what has happened is, there are a lot of concerns about the test in student community," he said.

He said the government had decided to make sure that sanctity, safety and security of the tests must be maintained so they had decided to review the standard operating procedures and protocols.

Commenting on rumours that NEET-PG has been indefinitely postponed, he said: "Social media is so vast these days, any one can put any thing on social media which gives wrong message to students. I must regret that the exam was postponed at the last moment. I must ensure student community that we will conduct this exam safely and securely. We are working closely with government to ensure all promises are maintained."

Dr. Sheth said NEET-PG could be conducted earlier than September. "I can't say at this stage, but we are trying to ensure that further delay does not happen and it does not upset the student community," he said.

The Centre notified rules under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, or the anti-cheating law, on Monday.

They provide a framework of actions to prevent cheating and lay down parameters for preparation of norms, standards and guidelines for computer-based tests for physical and digital infrastructure and activities and so on.

CBI to seek remand of accused in NEET case

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The Central Bureau of Investigation will soon seek remand of the 18 accused in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test paper leak case for interrogation.

Thirteen of the accused from Patna and five from Jharkhand are now in judicial custody. They have been named by the Economic Offences Wing (EOU) of the Bihar Police which was investigating the case before the CBI took over on Monday.

"The hearing of the bail plea of the 13 accused and the anticipatory bail plea of the main accused Sanjeev Mukhiya will be held in the Special CBI Court on July 15. We will submit the case transfer order letter in the CBI court today [Tuesday]," Uday Shankar Singh, public prosecutor, said.

Earlier, hearing the bail petitions, Additional District Judge Rajendra Kumar Singh asked the accused to approach the Special CBI Court as the case was now being investigated by the Central agency.

The CBI team had discussions with Additional Director-General of Police, EOU, Nayyar Hasnain Khan and Senior Superintendent of Police, Patna, Rajiv Mishra.

Jal Shakti Ministry conceives 'new project' to fix water deficit in Jal Jeevan Mission

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil said at a public event on Monday that the government was conceiving a "new project" to ensure that rural households which were provided taps under the ambitious Jal Jeevan Mission but had not yet been able to get water, would soon be provided potable water.

"In some places, we have not been able to fully accomplish the Prime Minister's target," Mr. Patil said at a workshop organised for officers in the Ministry. "Some people say in jest that we have taps but no water. We are in the process of setting up a new project, where in a time-bound manner, we shall ensure that households

C.R. Patil

with taps and no water, and those without taps are all covered," he added.

The ₹3.6-lakh-crore Jal Jeevan Mission was implemented after Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised from the ramparts of the Red Fort in 2019 to provide potable tap water to every rural household in India.

As of June 25, the scheme had encompassed 77% of its target household, officials from the Ministry said at an event on Monday.

Overall, 15 crore households out of a targeted 19 crore have been provided with tap water connections. However, as *The Hindu* has earlier pointed out, there is a difference between a household getting a tap connection and the daily quota of 55 litres per person day of water being provided.

To measure households that have been provided water connections, the water supply departments of the States or Union Territories aggregate the numbers provided by districts of the households, anganwadi or schools in their respective administrative units who have been provided tap water connections.

Pak. delegation inspect Ratle power project on Chenab river in J&K

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

A five-member Pakistan delegation and neutral experts of the World Bank toured the Ratle power project, a run-of-the-river hydroelectric power project in the Chenab Valley, on Tuesday.

The delegation, which is on the second day of its visit to Kishtwar, visited the 850-MW Ratle project on the Chenab river at Drabshalla village and inspected several units of the project. The inspection by the 40-odd member team, including delegates from India, was kept away from the media gaze.

Pakistan has been raising technical objections in different forums, including the Permanent Indus Commission, since 2006 regarding power projects in J&K and even demanded an arbitration by different international forums, which was rejected by India.

Pakal Dul project

Official sources said the Pakistani delegation is also likely to inspect the 1,000-megawatt Pakal Dul hydroelectric project being built on the Marusudar river, which emerges from the Marwah Valley before joining the Chenab river.

Pakistan also raised its objection over the Kishanganga project in Kashmir valley in 2006. Officials are tight-lipped on whether the delegates will be given access to the power project set up over the Kishanganga river in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

The delegation will be in Jammu and Kashmir till June 28.

Defence Ministry signs 350th contract under iDEX for 'miniaturised satellite'

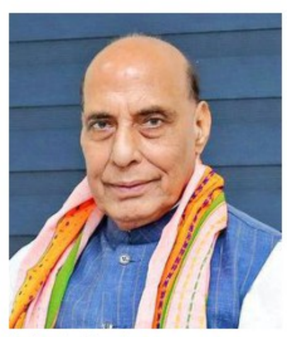
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The 350th contract under the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), the flagship initiative of the Defence Ministry, was signed with SpacePixxel Technologies for the design and development of a "miniaturised satellite capable of carrying electro-optical, infrared, synthetic aperture radar, and hyperspectral payloads up to 150 kg", the Defence Ministry announced on Tuesday.

This challenge is being led by the Indian Air Force.

Pros of the satellite

"This 350th iDEX contract enables innovation in space electronics, wherein many payloads earlier deployed on dedicated large satellites are now being miniaturised," the Ministry said.



Rajnath Singh

The modular small satellite will integrate multiple miniaturised payloads as per requirement, providing advantages such as faster and economical deployment, ease of manufacturing, scalability, adaptability, and less environmental impact, it stated.

The contract was exchanged between Anurag Bajpai, Additional Secretary (Defence Production) & CEO, Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO), and Awais Ahmed Nadeem Alduri, founder and CEO of the SpacePixxel Technologies.

SpacePixxel has been actively working to build and launch high-resolution hyperspectral imaging satellites to provide detailed earth observation data, the statement said.

Established by the DIO under the Department of Defence Production, iDEX has launched 11 editions of the Defence India Start-up Challenge and recently unveiled the Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme to promote innovations in critical and strategic defence technologies.

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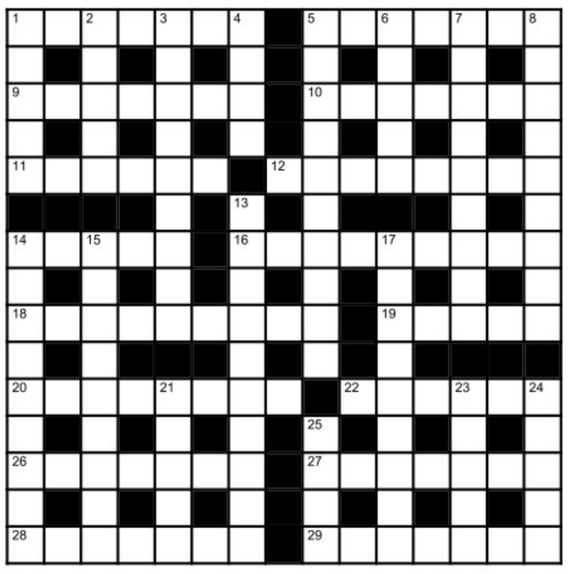

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1 Wrong claims about university being harmonious (7)
5 Against discharge dumped in river (7)
9 Sanskrit text, originally from Srinagar, contains Persian art (7)
10 Jumping over every other tree of jungle, he's one seeking a safe place (7)
11 Needs ten Chiclets to mask bad smell (6)
12 Man, nearly fired stealing founder's capital (8)
14 Auditor's extremely lively and ahead of time (5)
16 Loved touring city's stadium (9)
18 Classic tales of French alongside romance novel (9)
19 Conservative veils maiden drops in tubs (5)
20 Expecting UN leader to follow behind China (8)
22 Start from word Carl's playing in Scrabble (6)
26 Soldiers at Ground Zero in American city (7)
27 Browsing thread in gossip groups (7)
28 Heading to Republic Day parade finally kept on account of time in iconic location (3,4)
29 Sign left above hospital ward (7)

Down

1 Old man sometimes careless, forgetting lost item (5)
2 Film degree (5)
3 Doctor acts calm tackling emergency, ultimately a disaster (9)
4 Lounge for cake (4)
5 Competitive exam held in favourite city (10)
6 Seekers ultimately following Islamic spiritual principles! (5)
7 Smart and trendy say, raising new loans (9)
8 They draw viewers - clearly! (9)
13 Turned veto around - it's done! (4,3,3)
14 Try and finish each volume belonging to us (9)
15 How to make idols firm? (4-5)
17 Spooner said, "Scrutinize risk: one could lie here" (4,5)
21 Delicious fruit among bananas (5)
23 Put up American offer at the start of elections (5)
24 Switch to the other side to fix match (5)
25 Trim growth (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Janardana kills Janardana

It was no wonder Gajendra – the king of elephants, went down deep into the pond; no excitement from the elephant plucking lotus from the pond, no perturbation from the crocodile holding the leg of the elephant with its jaws, but what was peculiar was Janardana killing Janardana. Quoting from "*Kunjara Ranjanam*", composed by his grand Acharya Villur Srinidhi Swamy, Thirukudanthai Dr. Venkatesh said in a discourse that as a paronomasia, those who give trouble to others are called Janardana. The crocodile troubled the elephant and hence called Janardana. Lord Vishnu is called Janardana because He destroys those who give trouble to others. So Lord Janardana killed the crocodile Janardana (*Janardanam Janardanas Tatavadhi Asaam Pradhaam*).

God's melting compassion towards Gajendra was because of the elephant's dedicated devotion to offer a lotus at His feet (though it bloomed in a muddy sludge). It is human nature to find fault with someone, even though he would have done hundreds of good things. But God is pleased to select our good deeds even though we commit hundreds of other deeds. The elephant got entangled in danger (*vipathi:*). In Sanskrit, "*vi*" refers to a bird, and "*pathi*" refers to a master. The elephant called the Lord – the master of birds' chief Garuda.

INBRIEF

India kicks off $11.5 billion telecom spectrum auction

India has offered telecom spectrum worth about ₹962.38 billion ($11.53 billion) for auction on Tuesday, even as analysts expect lacklustre participation from players as they shore up their existing spectrum. A total of 10 GHz of radiowaves is up for sale in this auction, ranging between 800 MHz to 26 GHz. The government derives a big chunk of its revenue from spectrum auctions, which award telecom companies rights over airwaves for a particular period. REUTERS

iD Fresh Food announces expansion to 11 cities

iD Fresh Food, a Bengaluru-based food products company, on Tuesday, announced its pan-India expansion into 11 new cities, including tier 2 and tier 3 markets, across six states. Clocking in 25% year-on-year growth, the company said it was eyeing a revenue of ₹700 crore in FY2024-25. "As we prepare for international expansion and IPO journey, our aim is to become the market leader in these regions within the next 12 to 18 months," said Global CEO and co-founder P.C. Musthafa.

TI Clean Mobility completes fund raising for EV verticals

Tl Clean Mobility Pvt. Ltd. (TICMPL) said it had raised the targeted fund of ₹3,000 crore from Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TII) and other investors to fund multiple verticals of electric vehicles. On Tuesday, the Murugappa group firm said in a filing it allotted 1,60,00,000 Series A2 compulsorily convertible preference shares to South Asia Growth lnvest lll LLC, amounting to ₹160 crore. TICMPL is currently focused on creating EV-native commercial vehicle platforms.

'Water stress can hurt credit profile'

Moody's says India among those most vulnerable to water management risks; country has the poorest access to basic services, including water, among G-20 economies, the rating major flags; warns of implications to sovereign credit strength

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Moody's Ratings on Tuesday warned that India's growing water shortage and increasingly frequent climate change-driven natural disasters, amid a rise in consumption and rapid economic growth, could negatively impact the country's sovereign credit strength.

Currently rated Baa3 stable, which as per Moody's denotes the lowest investment grade rating, India is susceptible to increasing water stress, and any drop in water supply, for which it is heavily reliant on monsoon rains, could disrupt operations in factories and farms. This, the rating firm said, would spur inflation in food prices and declines in income for affected businesses and communities, while sparking social unrest.

"This, in turn, can exacerbate volatility in India's growth and undermine the economy's ability to withstand shocks given that more than 40% of the country's workforce is employed in agriculture," Moody's said in a note on environmental risks for India, identifying coal-fired power generation and steel production as the industrial sectors most vulnerable to water stress.

Water woes

India's growing water shortage, climate change-driven natural disasters, could dent its sovereign credit standing: Moody's

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'Poorest access'

Moody's stressed that India is one of the sovereigns most vulnerable to risks associated with water management and has the poorest access to basic services, including water, among G-20 economies.

India's fast economic growth, accompanied by rapid industrialisation and urbanisation, is reducing water availability in the most populous country.

Average annual water availability per capita is likely to drop to 1,367 cubic meters by 2031 from an already-low 1,486 cubic meters in 2021, Moody's said. A level below 1,700 cubic meters indicates water stress, with 1,000 cubic meters the threshold for water scarcity, as per the Water Resources Ministry.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	78,054	0.92
US Dollar	83.43	0.04
Gold	72,550	0.09
Brent oil	85.57	-0.47

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3171.10	-23.50
Adani Ports	1456.15	-4.10
Apollo Hosp	6295.35	35.80
Asian Paints	2858.45	-37.60
Axis Bank	1271.45	43.35
Bajaj Auto	9659.95	-85.30
Bajaj Finserv	1603.35	15.70
Bajaj Finance	7074.45	-7.40
Bharti Airtel	1414.95	-4.85
BPCL	296.30	-8.95
Britannia Ind	5352.05	54.30
Cipla	1499.70	-4.70
Coal India	469.25	-4.45
Divis Lab	4539.30	19.75
Dr Reddys Lab	6078.40	23.45
Eicher Motors	4775.05	-95.85
Grasim Ind	2516.95	1.85
HCL Tech	1447.95	7.10
HDFC Bank	1711.35	38.95
HDFC Life	590.95	11.45
Hero MotoCorp	5510.00	-14.45
Hindalco	685.50	0.25
Hind Unilever	2432.20	-10.00
ICICI Bank	1197.95	27.85
IndusInd Bank	1495.55	5.15
Infosys	1541.95	14.80
ITC	423.30	0.00
JSW Steel	929.90	-5.45
Kotak Bank	1781.90	9.35
L&T	3587.80	56.20
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5123.85	12.65
M&M	2909.40	-6.40
Maruti Suzuki	12116.60	-66.80
NestleIndia	2515.45	-14.60
NTPC	360.85	-1.90
ONGC	267.00	-2.90
PowerGrid Corp	327.40	-5.55
Reliance Ind	2908.30	25.35
SBI Life	1462.00	9.25
State Bank	842.25	9.55
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2989.85	107.60
Sun Pharma	1505.20	10.70
TataConsumerProduct	1094.60	-7.35
Tata Motors	955.00	-3.05
Tata Steel	175.68	-2.28
TCS	3838.45	21.65
Tech Mahindra	1427.75	26.05
Titan	3402.45	-9.90
UltraTech Cement	10846.20	60.20
Wipro	496.85	6.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 25

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.23	83.55
Euro	89.26	89.61
British Pound	105.66	106.07
Japanese Yen (100)	52.21	52.42
Chinese Yuan	11.46	11.50
Swiss Franc	93.18	93.54
Singapore Dollar	61.51	61.76
Canadian Dollar	60.93	61.17
Malaysian Ringitt	17.68	17.76
Australian Dollar	55.42	55.64

Source:Indian Bank

K-shaped recovery fuelling similar trend in inflation: HSBC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An uneven K-shaped recovery in economic growth is also fuelling a similar trajectory for inflation dynamics, with food and rural price rise outpacing the inflation in other goods and services, and that faced by urban consumers, respectively, HSBC researchers said on Tuesday.

There has been much debate over India's post-pandemic recovery being driven by demand for higher-end goods and services. Apart from the dichotomy between rural and urban inflation, and food prices compared with other goods, HSBC pointed to goods inflation being higher than that for services.

"Perhaps inflation and growth dynamics were never meant to differ," HSBC's chief economist for India and Indonesia Pranjul Bhandari wrote. "The same shocks that are driving the variance in growth, like the pandemic and climate change, hurting some groups more than others, are also likely driving the variance in prices," Ms. Bhandari added.

'India must focus on reducing inflation to 4%'

Reuters
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Tuesday that India needs a clear and unambiguous focus to lower inflation to its 4% goal.

Retail inflation eased to 4.75% in May, from 4.83% in April.

"When dealing with the challenge of inflation, a single wrong move can distract you, throw you off track and coming back on track would be far more costly and will [take] much more time," Mr. Das said in a speech.

FinMin must raise RoDTEP outlay: FIEO

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Focus on fiscal austerity must not come in the way of ensuring zero rating for exports, the FIEO urged the Finance Ministry, signalling the need to raise outlay for Remission of Duties, Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) scheme.

In a pre-Budget consultation chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Federation of Indian Exporters' Organisations (FIEO) President Ashwani Kumar said zero rating of exports is an "avowed policy" of the government and should not be limited due to budgetary constraints.

Zero rating of exports means no local taxes are added to export goods. The RoDTEP scheme is aimed at refunding duties incurred in production or export process to the exporter. RoDTEP has a budget of ₹15,070 crore for 2024-25. The FM also held consultations on education, skilling and employment with domain experts.

India's external debt rises $39.7 bn YoY to $663.8 bn: RBI data

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India's external debt at the end of March 2024 was at $663.8 billion, an increase of $39.7 billion from its level at end-March 2023.

The external debt-to-GDP ratio declined to 18.7% at end-March 2024 from 19.0% at end-March 2023, according to data released by RBI on Tuesday.

Valuation effect due to the appreciation of the U.S. dollar vis-à-vis the Indian rupee and other major currencies such as yen, euro and SDR amounted to $8.7 billion. U.S. dollar-denominated debt remained the largest component of India's external debt, with a share of 53.8% at end-March 2024, followed by debt denominated in the Indian rupee (31.5%), yen (5.8%), SDR (5.4%), and euro (2.8%). Outstanding debt of both government and non-government sectors increased at end-March 2024 over the year earlier level.

Loans remained the largest component of external debt (33.4%), followed by currency and deposits (23.3%)

Loans remained the largest component of external debt at 33.4%, followed by currency and deposits (23.3%), trade credit and advances (17.9%) and debt securities (17.3%).

Cotton consumption second highest in 10 years, says Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Cotton consumption by the textile industry in the current marketing season (October 2023 to September 2024) is one of the highest this decade, said a press release from the Ministry of Textiles.

The third meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption for this season was held on Monday. Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner, said this year will be the second-highest consumption in 10 years with demand of about 307 lakh bales, including 103 lakh bales from the MSME textile units.

Cotton production this season is expected to be 325.22 lakh bales, imports 12 lakh bales, and exports 28 lakh bales. The season is likely to end with 47.38 lakh bales as closing stock.

Industry stakeholders said current Indian cotton prices are higher than those internationally and are unlikely to rise further, and textile mills are operating at 75-80% capacity.

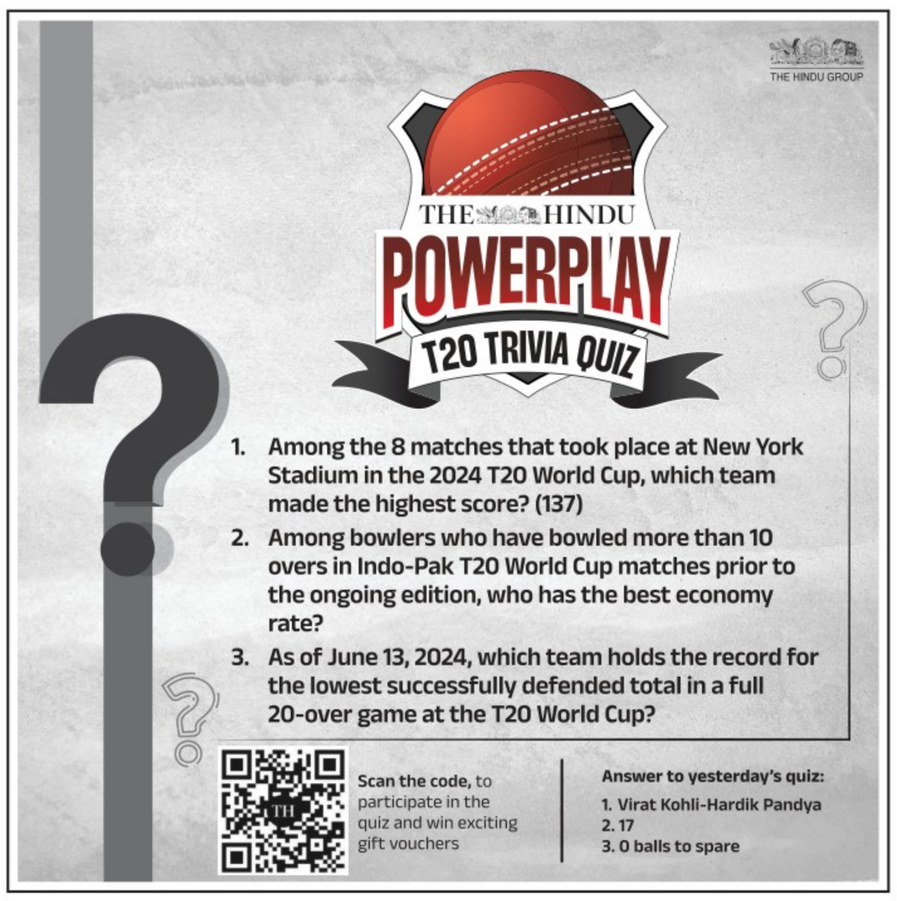
'India's coal use overtook N. America and Europe'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the first time, India's coal consumption surpassed that of North America and Europe combined in the calendar year 2023, Energy Institute and KPMG said in a report titled '2024 Statistical Review of World Energy'.

Fossil fuel use accelerated in India and many African nations, outpacing the growth of renewables, the organisations observed.

Anish De, Global Head, Energy, KPMG said, "Globally, energy demand was up 2% and emissions exceeded 40 Gross Tonnage for the first time."



GENEVA

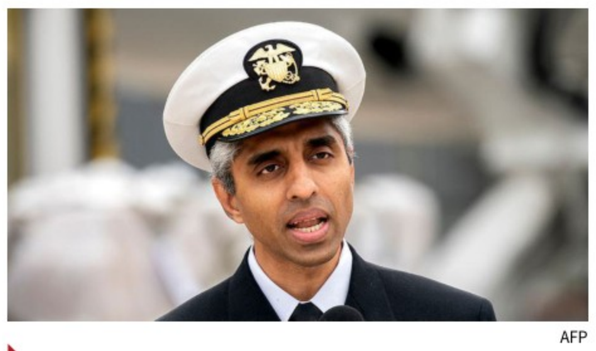
10 children per day are losing one or two legs in Gaza, says UNRWA

AFP

Ten children per day are losing one or both of their legs in the war in Gaza, the head of the UN agency supporting Palestinian refugees said on Tuesday. Citing figures from the UN children's agency UNICEF, Philippe Lazzarini said that number "does not even include the arms and the hands, and we have many more" of these. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. surgeon-general declares gun violence public health emergency



AFP

The U.S. surgeon-general on Tuesday declared gun violence a public health crisis, driven by the number of injuries and deaths involving firearms in the country. The advisory issued by Dr. Vivek Murthy came as the U.S. grappled with another summer weekend marked by mass shootings that left dozens dead or wounded. AP

LATINA

Indians in Italy protest to end 'slavery' following worker's death

AFP

Thousands of Indian labourers called for an end to "slavery" in Italy on Tuesday after the gruesome death of a worker. Satnam Singh, 31, who had been working without legal papers, died last week after his arm was sliced off by a machine. The farmer he was working for dumped him by the road, along with his severed limb. AFP

KATHMANDU

Regions east of Mahakali, including Kalapani, is Nepal's: Prachanda

REUTERS

Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Tuesday said that his government is clear and determined that all territories east of the Mahakali river, including Limpiyadhura, Kalapani and Lipu pass, come under Nepalese territories. He made the remarks while responding to MPs in the House of Representatives. PTI

Start drafting ultra-Orthodox into Army, says Israeli court

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

Israel's Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled unanimously that the military must begin drafting ultra-Orthodox men for compulsory service, a landmark decision that could lead to the collapse of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing coalition as Israel continues to wage war in Gaza.

The historic ruling effectively puts an end to a decades-old system that granted ultra-Orthodox men broad exemptions from military service while maintaining mandatory enlistment for the country's secular Jewish majority. The arrangement, deemed discriminatory by critics, has created a deep chasm in Israel's Jewish majority over who should shoulder the burden of protecting the country.

In its ruling, the court found that the state was carrying out "invalid selective enforcement, which represents a serious violation of the rule of law, and the principle according to which all individuals are equal before the law."

It did not say how many ultra-Orthodox should be drafted, but the military has said it is capable of enlisting 3,000 this year.

Politically powerful ultra-Orthodox parties, key partners in Mr. Netanyahu's governing coalition, oppose any change in the current system. If the exemptions are ended, they could bolt the coalition, causing the government to collapse and likely leading to new elections at a time when its popularity has dropped.

Five shot dead as protesters breach Kenya's parliament

As demonstrators enter parliament complex, fire erupts and police begin shooting, injuring 31; lawmakers were debating a contentious Bill featuring tax hike proposals that citizens opposed

Agence France-Presse
NAIROBI

Five persons were shot dead and 31 wounded on Tuesday during protests in Kenya over proposed tax hikes, as crowds opposed to proposed tax hikes breached barricades to enter the parliamentary complex where a fire erupted.

The rallies, led by the youth, began last week, and caught the government off guard, with President William Ruto saying over the weekend he was ready to talk to the protesters.

But tensions escalated sharply on Tuesday afternoon, as crowds began to throw stones at police and push back against barricades, making their way towards the parliament complex, which was sealed off by police in full riot gear.

Burning house: Protesters run to take cover at the fence of the Kenyan Parliament in Nairobi on Tuesday. AFP

Police fired at crowds massing outside the parliament building, where lawmakers had been debating a contentious Bill featuring tax hike proposals.

Shortly before, Irungu Houghton, the executive director of Amnesty International Kenya, said "human rights observers are now reporting the increasing use of live bullets by the National Police Service in the capital of Nairobi".

Anger over a cost-of-living crisis spiralled into nationwide rallies last week, with demonstrators calling for the Finance Bill to be scrapped.

Despite a heavy police presence, thousands of protesters had earlier marched through Nairobi's business district, pushing back against barricades as they headed towards parliament. Police in full riot gear were firing tear gas and rubber bullets into the crowd.

Julian Assange set to plead guilty to an Espionage Act charge and then walk free

Associated Press
BANGKOK

A plane with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange departed Bangkok after refuelling on Tuesday and he is on the way to Saipan to enter a plea deal with the U.S. government that will free him and resolve the legal case over the publication of a trove of classified documents.

The chartered flight from London that Mr. Assange's wife, Stella, confirmed was carrying her husband left Don Mueang International Airport, according to the Flightradar24 plane tracking app. The official WikiLeaks account on X said Mr. Assange was heading toward Saipan, the capital of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. commonwealth in the Pacific, where he is scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday.

Julian Assange

He is expected to plead guilty to an Espionage Act charge of conspiring to unlawfully obtain and disseminate classified national defence information, according to the U.S. Justice Department in a letter filed in court.

Mr. Assange is expected to return to his home country of Australia after his plea and sentencing.

The plea deal brings an abrupt conclusion to a criminal case of international intrigue and to the U.S. government's yearslong pursuit of a publisher whose hugely popular secret-sharing website made him a cause célèbre among many press freedom advocates who said he acted as a journalist to expose U.S. military wrongdoing.

Stella Assange told the BBC from Australia that it had been "touch and go" over the past 72 hours whether the deal would go ahead but she felt "elated" at the news.

ICC issues arrest warrants for Russian Army chief, ex-Minister

Agence France-Presse
THE HAGUE

Valery Gerasimov and Sergei Shoigu are accused of directing attacks at civilian targets

The International Criminal Court on Tuesday said it had issued arrest warrants for Russia's Army chief and former Defence Minister over strikes on Ukrainian infrastructure that constituted alleged war crimes.

The ICC warrants are the latest in a series of actions by the court over the Ukraine war, including an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The warrants concerned the Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, and former Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu.

The pair is accused of the war crimes of directing attacks at civilian targets and causing excessive incidental harm to civilians, as well as the crime against humanity of "inhumane acts" in Ukraine.

ICC judges said there were "reasonable grounds to believe that the two suspects bear responsibility for missile strikes carried out by the Russian armed forces against the Ukrainian electric infrastructure from at least 10 October 2022 until at least 9 March 2023." The court said these strikes were "directed against civilian objects" and even when targets could be considered military, civilian damage "would have been clearly excessive to the anticipated military advantage".

Ukraine hailed the "important" decision, with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy saying Kyiv hoped to see the pair "behind bars".

Chinese probe returns to Earth with first samples from far side of the moon

Associated Press
BANGKOK

China's Chang'e 6 probe returned to earth with rock and soil samples from the little-explored far side of the moon in a global first.

"I now declare that the Chang'e 6 Lunar Exploration Mission achieved complete success," Zhang Kejian, Director of the China National Space Administration, said after the landing.

Chinese scientists anticipate the returned samples will include 2.5 million-year-old volcanic rock and other material that scientists hope will answer questions about geographic differences on the moon's two sides.

New landmark: The landing module of the Chang'e-6 moon probe after it landed in Inner Mongolia in northern China on Tuesday. AFP

The near side is what is seen from Earth, and the far side faces outer space. The far side is also known to have mountains and impact craters, contrasting with the relatively flat expanses visible on the near side of the moon.

High hopes

The probe had landed in the moon's South Pole-Aitken Basin, an impact crater created more than 4 billion years ago. The samples scientists are expecting will likely come from different layers of the basin, which will bear traces of the different geological events. While past U.S. and Soviet missions have collected samples from the moon's near side, the Chinese mission was the first that has collected samples from the far side.

Sport

Brazil frustrated by Costa Rica, Colombia starts well

Gung ho: Lerma celebrates after scoring Colombia's second against Paraguay. REUTERS

COPA AMERICA

Agence France-Presse
LOS ANGELES

A lacklustre Brazil launched its Copa America campaign with a dour 0-0 draw against Costa Rica on Monday as James Rodriguez inspired Colombia to a 2-1 win over Paraguay.

Brazil, chasing a 10th Copa America crown, dominated possession and territory in the Group D game at the SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles but struggled to break down a resolute Costa Rica.

The Brazilians thought they had taken the lead in the 30th minute after Marquinhos tapped in at the back post after a flick on by Rodrygo following a free-kick by Raphinha.

But after an agonising VAR delay, the goal was chalked off for a fractional offside decision as Costa Rica escaped.

That was as good as it got for Brazil, which laboured to break down Costa Rica's defence for the remainder of the game, registering just three shots on target despite enjoying 73.5 percent possession.

Colombia finished the day top of Group D after collecting all three points in its deserved win over Paraguay at Houston.

Rodriguez shines

Rodriguez, whose club career has languished in the decade since he rose to prominence with a dazzling performance at the 2014 World Cup, created both of Colombia's goals.

The 32-year-old midfielder, who has played just a handful of minutes for Brazilian club Sao Paulo in the two months leading into the Copa America, set up the opening goal for Colombia in the 32nd minute.

After finding space on the left, Rodriguez flighted a pinpoint cross to the far post to pick out Daniel Munoz, who beat Paraguay goalkeeper Rodrigo Morinigo with a firm downward header to make it 1-0.

Ten minutes later Colombia doubled its lead and again it was a goal engineered by the trusty left boot of Rodriguez.

This time the goal arrived from the opposite flank, with Rodriguez swinging in a wicked free-kick that was glanced in by Crystal Palace midfielder Jefferson Lerma.

The results: Brazil 0 drew with Costa Rica 0; Colombia 2 (Munoz 32, Lerma 42) bt Paraguay 1 (Enciso 69).

Five boxers to train in Germany

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Five of the six Olympic-bound boxers will train in Saarbrucken, Germany, from June 27 to July 22 in the run-up to Paris 2024.

Women boxers Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), Jaismine Lamboria (57kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), male boxer Nishant Dev (71kg) along with eight sparring partners will take part in the camp.

The squad also includes 16 support staff, including six coaches, two physiotherapists, two masseurs, a doctor, a strength and conditioning expert, a psychologist, a nutritionist, a chef and a video analyst.

Amit Panghal (51kg) has opted to train in India.

Indian archery teams' qualification confirmed

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has accepted the men and women team quotas allotted to the country by World Archery.

Following the conclusion of the World Cup Stage-3 in Antalya, Turkey, Indian men and women qualified through World rankings as they topped among nations which had not booked their tickets through qualifying events.

The men's team gathered 238 points from the World Cup Stage-1 in Shanghai, 2024 (80 points), World Cup Stage-3 in Medellin, 2023 (56), World Cup Stage-1 in Antalya, 2023 (51) and Asian Games in Hangzhou, 2023 (51).

The women collected points from the World Cup Stage-4 in Paris, 2023 (56), World Cup Stage-3 in Antalya, 2024 (48), Berlin World Championships, 2023 (45) and Asian Games in Hangzhou, 2023 (42) to total 191.

B. Dhiraj (who had secured an individual quota), Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav will be part of the men's team, while Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Bhajan Kaur will form the women's squad.

Indiacan now compete in men and women individual and team events apart from the mixed team event in Paris.

The archers will train at Army Sports Institute, Pune, up to July 9 before moving to Paris for the final phase of preparations.

SURREAL

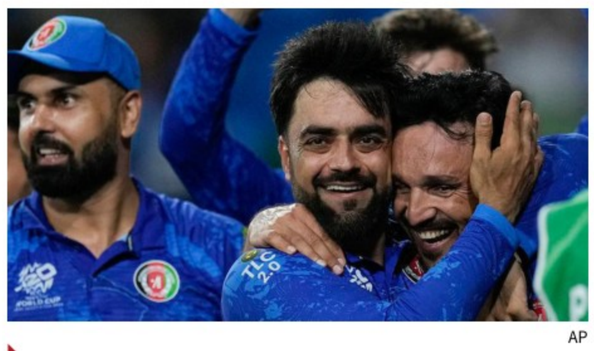
I don't know how I can describe my feeling: skipper Rashid

PTI

Rashid Khan said Afghanistan's entry into the semifinal "will inspire the youngsters back home". "I don't know how I can describe my feeling but it's a massive achievement for us as a team and as a nation to be in the semis. The cricket we have played in the whole tournament so far, we deserve to be in the semifinals," Rashid said.

LEGEND'S BACKING

We've proved Lara right by qualifying for the semis: Rashid



AP

Skipper Rashid Khan talked about how only Brian Lara had backed Afghanistan to advance to the semifinal. "I think we have proved one person right. Brian Lara was the only person who mentioned Afghanistan will be in the semifinals. When you get that kind of great statement from a legend, it gives you lots of energy."

GAME OF SKILL

'There is no good team and bad team, everyone is equal'

AFP

Rashid Khan opened up about how executing one's skills is of the paramount importance. "There is no good team and bad team. Every side is equal to each other. We took the right decision at the right time, and that's where the difference comes. Skill-wise, everyone is equal, I think," Rashid said.

INJURY UPDATE

'I don't know what happened to him but it doesn't matter now'

HOTSTAR

Afghanistan's Rashid Khan kept his cards close to the chest when asked about Gulbadin Naib's 'injury' update. "Well, he had some cramp, I don't know what happened to him and I don't know what's going on in social media but that doesn't matter," Rashid said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

Dream, drama, destiny... Afghanistan's magical journey into the semifinal

Rashid's men beat Bangladesh and the rain in a cliffhanger to storm into the last four; Australia knocked out; Naveen, Rashid deliver when it matters

T20 WORLD CUP

Press Trust of India
KINGSTOWN

The redoubtable Rashid Khan led the way as Afghanistan qualified for its maiden T20 World Cup semifinal with an eight-run win over Bangladesh in a rain-hit Super 8 match here, adding a golden chapter to its cricketing history.

In the process, Rashid's maverick team knocked out 2021 champion Australia after having humbled it in its previous Super 8 match. The Afghans will face the South Africans in the semifinal on June 27.

Slow progress

Opting to bat after winning the toss, Afghanistan's batting stumbled to a below-par 115 for five as the bowlers bowled 66 dot balls.

Rishad Hossain, three for 26, led the charge while for Afghanistan, opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz hit a painstaking 43 off 55 balls.

The match was eventually truncated to 19-overs-a-side due to frequent rain interruptions and Bangladesh was given a revised target on 114.

Afghanistan produced a gritty bowling performance, spearheaded by Rashid (four for 23) and Naveen-ul-Haq (four for 26).

Kings at Kingstown: Afghanistan's run to the semifinal of a World Cup marks a milestone moment in its cricketing history. AP

Litton Das (54 not out) was the lone warrior for Bangladesh in the game that also featured some questionable delaying tactics by the Afghans when they were ahead on DLS par score.

While Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran forged a crucial 59-run stand with the bat, Fazalhaq Farooqi and Naveen picked up wickets upfront.

Farooqi sent Tanzid Hasan (0) packing in the second over followed by Naveen-ul-Haq in which he claimed the scalps of Najmul Hossain Shanto (5) and Shakib Al Hasan (0).

Rashid then picked up two wickets off his consecutive overs. The skipper went on to snare two wickets off consecutive balls, to also become the fastest to 150 T20 wickets, going past Tim Southee. Afghan coach Jonathan Trott was seen animatedly asking his players to slow down from the dugout and all-rounder Gulbadin Naib went down, apparently complaining of cramps.

Litton Das hammered the ball over square-leg to bring up his half-century. He was left alone as Naveen returned to remove Bangladesh's No. 10 and 11.

Humdinger

Defending 115, Afghanistan struck at regular intervals
Farooqi provided the breakthrough in the second over before Naveen took two in two in the third
Rashid picked up wickets off successive balls in the 11th over while Naveen repeated his feat in the 18th over to wrap things up
Bangladesh would have qualified had it chased down the target in 12.1 overs, but it was not to be

SCOREBOARD

AFGHANISTAN
Rahmanullah Gurbaz c Sarkar b Rishad 43 (*55b, 3x4, 1x6*), Ibrahim Zadran c Tanzim b Rishad 18 (*29b, 1x4*), Azmatullah Omarzai c Litton b Mustafizur 10 (*12b*), Gulbadin Naib c Sarkar b Rishad 4 (*3b, 1x4*), Mohammad Nabi c Shanto b Taskin 1 (*5b*), Karim Janat (not out) 7 (*6b, 1x4*), Rashid Khan (not out) 19 (*10b, 3x6*); Extras (b-5, w-8): 13; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 115.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-59 (Ibrahim, 10.4 overs), 2-84 (Omarzai, 15.5), 3-88 (Gurbaz, 16.1), 4-89 (Gulbadin, 16.4), 5-93 (Nabi, 17.4).

BANGLADESH BOWLING
Tanzim 4-0-36-0, Taskin 4-1-12-1, Shakib 4-0-19-0, Mustafizur 4-0-17-1, Rishad 4-0-26-3.

BANGLADESH
Litton Das (not out) 54 (*49b, 5x4, 1x6*), Tanzid Hasan lbw b Farooqi 0 (*3b*), Najmul Hossain Shanto c Nabi b Naveen 5 (*5b, 1x4*), Shakib Al Hasan c & b Naveen 0 (*1b*), Soumya Sarkar b Rashid 10 (*10b, 1x4*), Towhid Hridoy c Ibrahim b Rashid 14 (*9b, 2x4*), Mahmudullah c (sub) Ishaq b Rashid 6 (*9b, 1x4*), Rishad Hossain b Rashid 0 (*1b*), Tanzim Hasan c Nabi b Naib 3 (*10b*), Taskin Ahmed b Naveen 2 (*9b*), Mustafizur Rahman lbw b Naveen 0 (*1b*); Extras (b-1, lb-7, w-3): 11; Total (in 17.5 overs): 105.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-16 (Tanzid, 1.3), 2-23 (Shanto, 2.4), 3-23 (Shakib, 2.5), 4-48 (Sarkar, 6.3), 5-64 (Hridoy, 8.2), 6-80 (Mahmudullah, 10.5), 7-80 (Rishad, 10.6), 8-92 (Tanzim, 14.2), 9-105 (Taskin, 17.4).

AFGHANISTAN BOWLING
Naveen 3.5-0-26-4, Farooqi 2-0-15-1, Nabi 2-0-15-0, Rashid 4-0-23-4, Noor 4-0-13-0, Naib 2-0-5-1.

Call an ambulance but not for me, says Naib

Press Trust of India
KINGSTOWN

Gulbadin Naib dramatically falling on his back, clutching his thigh after Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott signalled his players to slow things down in the match against Bangladesh caused both amusement and annoyance.

Naib, who was fielding in the slip cordon, complained of cramps during the 12th over bowled by spinner Noor Ahmad, after Trott was seen on camera asking his players to slow down as Bangladesh had fallen behind on the Duckworth-Lewis par score in the rainy encounter.

"The coach sends a message out to say slow it down, and the first slip just dives on the ground needlessly. That is unacceptable," said Simon Doull while commentating.

Pommie Mbangwa quipped: "Oscar, Emmy?"

Former New Zealand cricketer Ian Smith said: "I've a dodgy knee for the last 6 months, I am gonna see Gulbadin Naib's doctor straight after the game. He's the eighth wonder of the world right now."

"*Kabi khushi kabi gham main huta hai* (It happens sometimes when you are happy or when you are sad). Hamstring," Naib later said in a post on X.

Naib was soon back on the field and took a crucial wicket in the 15th over. He seemed fitter than ever as he took part in the team's post-match victory lap around the ground.

Final Super 8 Table

GROUP 1

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
India (Q)	3	3	0	6	2.017
Afghanistan (Q)	3	2	1	4	-0.305
Australia	3	1	2	2	-0.331
Bangladesh	3	0	3	0	-1.709

GROUP 2

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
South Africa (Q)	3	3	0	6	0.599
England (Q)	3	2	1	4	1.992
West Indies	3	1	2	2	0.963
USA	3	0	3	0	-3.906

SEMIFINALS

Date	Teams	Time	Venue
June 27	South Africa vs Afghanistan	6 a.m.	Tarouba
June 27	India vs England	8 p.m.	Guyana

The final will be played at Bridgetown (Barbados) on June 29 (8 p.m.)

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Hardik's innings was important: Arshdeep

Flying under the radar: Though Hardik's knock lifted India above 200, it was Rohit's innings that was the talking point. K.R. DEEPAK

Ayan Acharya
GROS ISLET (ST. LUCIA)

On a day when Rohit Sharma's scintillating 92 led India to a 24-run win against Australia, fast bowler Arshdeep Singh spoke about the significance of Hardik Pandya's 17-ball 27. "Hardik's innings was very important," said Arshdeep.

"At one end, it was extremely challenging for the bowlers to even deliver the ball, and it often ended up flying to the boundary. Therefore, having a cushion of 15 to 20 runs is beneficial for a bowler. It provides the extra freedom to aim for wickets."

Arshdeep also credited Jasprit Bumrah for creating pressure from one end, which ultimately led to the batters making mistakes. "A lot of credit goes to Jasprit because he concedes just three or four runs per over. As a result, the batters come hard at me, and when they do, I simply try to bowl my best ball. So, many of my wickets are due to Jasprit's efforts."

Warner bows out after Australia's WC exit

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

David Warner's 15-year international career came to an anti-climactic end on Tuesday as Australia was dumped out of the T20 World Cup in excruciating fashion.

The 37-year-old opening batter Warner had always said the World Cup in the United States and Caribbean would be his farewell to international cricket.

Warner stood tall at the top of the Australian order ever since his international debut in January 2009.

He hangs up his pads as arguably Australia's greatest three-format player. He is the country's leading run-scorer in T20 cricket with 3,277 from 110 games.

Warner exited a glittering 112-Test career in January after plundering 8,786 runs at an average of 44.60, with a strike rate of 70.19.

His ODI exploits were equally impressive, crunching 6,932 runs from 161 matches.

Austria tops a rollicking Group D as France finishes second; Zaccagni bails Italy out, Croatia all but out

Agence France-Presse
BERLIN

Marcel Sabitzer lashed home to earn Austria a thrilling 3-2 win against the Netherlands on Tuesday and send his team through top of Euro 2024 Group D, ahead of tournament favourites France and the third-place Dutch.

All three nations are through to the last 16 but Ralf Rangnick's intense Austria side showed why some consider it dark horses to win the tournament for the first time on a rollicking afternoon in Berlin.

Donyell Malen's own goal sent Austria ahead but Cody Gakpo pulled the Dutch level early in the second half.

Romano Schmid headed home for Austria with Memphis Depay pegging it back once more, before Sabitzer settled the frantic, end-to-end tussle.

Lashing out: Sabitzer fires in Austria's winner against the Netherlands. AP

Delirious: Zaccagni is buried by his teammates after his superb curler ensured Italy's progression into the knockouts. AFP

Drawn encounter

In Dortmund, Kylian Mbappe scored a penalty on his return after breaking his nose but Robert Lewandowski's reply meant France and Poland drew 1-1.

On Monday, Mattia Zaccagni kept Italy's title defence alive with an incredible late equaliser in the holder's thrilling 1-1 draw with Croatia, as Spain completed a perfect group stage and showed Albania the door.

The Azzurri will play Switzerland in the next round thanks to Zaccagni, who came on with nine minutes remaining and curled in his leveller in the eighth minute of stoppage time following a brilliant burst and pass from defender Riccardo Calafiori.

Spalletti's team finish Group B in second place on four points, five behind winner Spain which beat Albania 1-0 thanks to a neat Ferran Torres finish in the 13th minute in Dusseldorf.

Croatia meanwhile is all-but out due to Zaccagni's late equaliser just as it looked as if Luka Modric was once again going to be the hero for his country.

Oldest goalscorer

Modric defied his advancing years by firing Croatia into the lead nine minutes after the break and becoming the oldest goalscorer in Euros history.

Modric made up for Donnarumma pushing away his penalty just moments before, but his goal wasn't enough and on two points third-placed Croatia is almost certain not to go through.

The results:

Group C: Albania 0 lost to Spain 1 (Ferran Torres 13); Croatia 1 (Modric 55) drew with Italy 1 (Zaccagni 90+8).

Group D: France 1 (Mbappe 56-pen) drew with Poland 1 (Lewandowski 79-pen); Netherlands 2 (Gakpo 47, Depay 78) lost to Austria 3 (Malen 6-og, Schmid 59, Sabitzer 80).

INBRIEF

Frank Duckworth, one of the inventors of DLS, passes away

English statistician and one of the inventors of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method, Frank Duckworth died at the age of 84, according to a report. Duckworth passed away on June 21, according to a report in ESPNcricinfo.com. The Duckworth-Lewis method, devised by Duckworth and fellow statistician Tony Lewis, was introduced to determine results in rain-affected cricket matches.

Kush Maini finishes second in F2 Spanish GP sprint race

Indian racer driver Kush Maini enjoyed a good weekend at the F2 Spanish Grand Prix, as he grabbed the second spot in the sprint race in Barcelona. Maini, who drives for Invicta Racing, finished behind Victor Martins of BWT Alpine with DAMS Lucas Oil' Juan Manuel Correa completing the podium. The Indian driver finished sixth in the main race.

Equestrian Agarwalla to represent India in Olympics

Asian Games medallist Anush Agarwalla will represent the country in the dressage event of the Paris Olympics after pipping close contender Shruti Vora on better average, the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) said on Tuesday. Agarwalla, who bagged gold in team dressage and bronze in individual dressage events at the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, was picked ahead of Vora after a careful evaluation of the recent performances of the two contenders.

Winning start for Nafees and Bopana in Asian jr. squash

India's Yusha Nafees and Dhruv Bopana won their opening round matches in the 31st Asian junior individual squash championships in Islamabad on Tuesday. Sixth seed Nafees beat local challenger Ubaid Ullah 11-7, 10-12, 11-5, 11-4 in the boys' u-17 category, while Bopana defeated Iranian Amirreza Alvansaz Yazdi 11-4, 11-2, 11-7 in the boys' u-13 section. Lokesh Subramani lost 7-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-2 to Sim Yeak Wei of Malaysia in the first round in the boys' u-15 category. The other Indians in the fray received first-round byes.

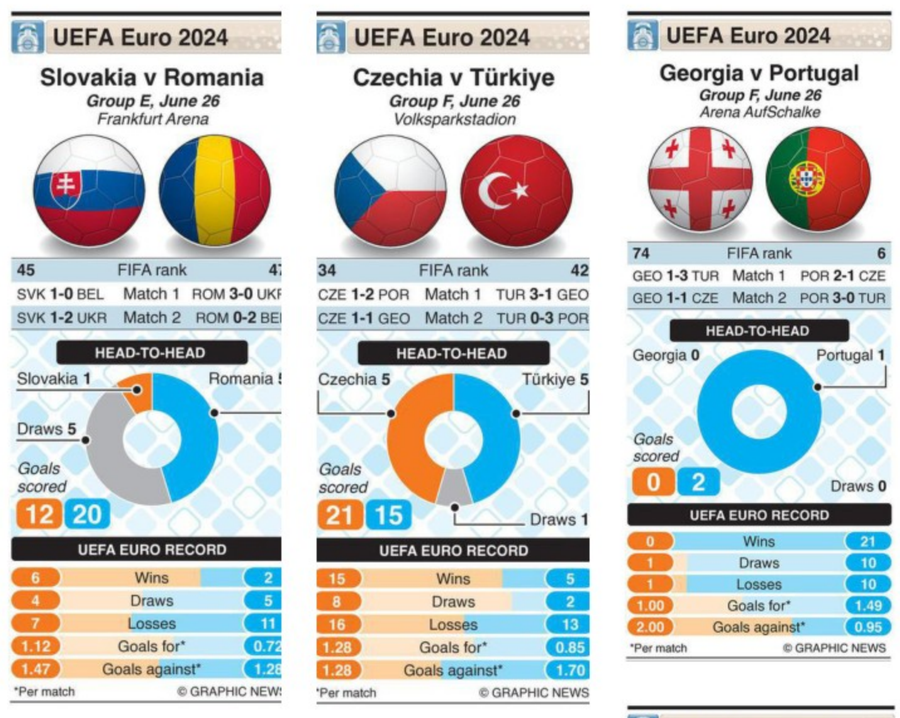
LIVE TELECAST

Football: Euro 2024, Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 & LIV, 9.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

T20 World Cup: 1st semifinal, Star Sports 1 & Hotstar, 6 a.m. (Thursday)

Belgium plays Ukraine in a Group E too close to call

All four teams are on three points each with only goal difference separating them in the table: in Group F Turkiye, Czechia and Georgia will fight to finish second behind leader Portugal



Associated Press
STUTTGART

Belgium plays Ukraine on Wednesday with all to play for in Group E at the European Championship. With all teams in the group – Romania and Slovakia are the other two – on three points after two games, only goal difference separates top to bottom.

Belgium and Ukraine know a win will be enough to guarantee their place in the pre-quarterfinals.

Any team in Group E can still finish in any position from first to last in the standings. It is the only group where each team has won a game and lost a game in the first two rounds. One of Romania and Slovakia will be in the pre-quarterfinals, and a draw will advance both.

If so, Romania will be in the top two because of a superior goal difference to Slovakia, which would be third, and among the four best third-place teams advancing.

Portugal is already qualified for the knockouts and can sign off from Group F in style with a third win when it plays newcomer Georgia on Wednesday.

Chance at qualifying

A draw might give Georgia a chance at qualifying, depending on results elsewhere, but it's likely to need a shock win.

On its major tournament debut, Georgia has won praise for its battling style and nearly beat the Czech Republic in its second game if not for a last-second miss.

Beating Portugal would be a huge upset and guarantee Georgia a spot in the pre-quarterfinals.

Georgia will know before kickoff if a draw will potentially be enough to qualify as one of the four best third-place teams, or if only a win will do.

If Georgia draws, it would still require the Czech Republic to lose against Turkey, though.

Djokovic to take a call on playing before Friday's draw

Fighting to get fit: Djokovic's recovery after knee surgery is progressing much faster than anticipated. AP

WIMBLEDON

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Novak Djokovic says he will only play at Wimbledon if he is fit enough to "fight for the title" but his recovery from knee surgery is going well.

The seven-time champion at the All England Club was forced to withdraw ahead of his French Open quarterfinal against Casper Ruud earlier this month after tearing the medial meniscus in his right knee.

His chances of competing at Wimbledon, which starts on July 1, initially looked bleak but he has made rapid progress and had a two-hour training session at Wimbledon's Aorangi Park on Monday.

The 37-year-old Serbian World No. 2 says he will make a decision before Friday's draw. "I didn't come here to play a few rounds," he told the BBC.

"If I know I can play close to my maximum or at maximum, then I'll play. If not, then I'll give somebody else a chance to play.

"I really will only play if I know I am in a state which is good enough to go far in the tournament and fight for the title, so that's the condition.

"Rehab is going in the right direction every single day, a few percent better and better. That's what's giving me hope and encouragement to keep going.

"I'm taking things gradually. I'm not pushing myself yet 100%, but I'm hoping that's going to come in the next few days."

Djokovic, who has won 24 Grand Slams, has reached the Wimbledon final for the past five years, losing a thrilling five-setter last year to Carlos Alcaraz.

Indians hit the nets ahead of the one-off Test

SA IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

As Chennai gears up to host the one-off Test featuring India and South Africa from Friday (June 28-July 1), both teams arrived here on Monday.

On Tuesday, a few Indian players took part in an optional practice session at the MAC-B nets.

Top-order batter Shubha Satheesh, spinners Sneh Rana and Rajeshwari Gayakwad, and pacers Renuka Singh and Meghna Singh had a long session.

Subha, who made her Test debut against England last year and stroked a fine half-century (69), batted for nearly an hour facing the four Indian bowlers.

Later, Sneh Rana, too, had a hit in the middle.

The buzz: Renuka had a long stint at the nets.
FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

In the previous two one-off Tests against England and Australia last year, India had posted convincing wins, beating them by 347 runs and eight wickets, respectively.

The iconic MAC Stadium last hosted a women's Test in 1976 when India took on West Indies in a three-day game that ended in a draw.

I feel I am on the right path to the Paris Olympics, says Sreeja

TABLE TENNIS

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

India's premier women's table tennis player Akula Sreeja said that she was getting prepared to take on any opponent in next month's Paris Olympics.

Speaking to *The Hindu* after becoming the first Indian to win a WTT Contender title in Lagos (Nigeria) on Sunday (she completed a double winning the doubles title partnering Archana Kamath), the 25-year-old Sreeja said the Lagos 'double' was a huge morale booster for her ahead of the Olympics.

"It is a very special performance for me coming so close to the Olympics. I am really glad the way I have been training and playing in the recent past," Sreeja said.

Sreeja.

"The preparations have been really good and my target in the Olympics is to create as many upsets as possible. But again, a lot depends on the draw too," she added.

"I feel that I am on the right path to the Olympics given the way I have coped with the hot and humid conditions in Lagos and also the hectic schedule," she said.

"I am ready for the kind of challenge one expects in the Olympics. The biggest challenge is to stay fit mentally and physically," she said.

On the plans in the run-up to the Olympics, the champion paddler said she would be competing in two more tournaments in Tunisia and Bangkok before going to Germany for a 10-day training before heading straight to Paris," she said.

"We have been accompanied by the chief coach Massimo Costantini. But, at the same time, we are trying our best to have my coach and mentor Somnath Sir (Ghosh) and get the accreditation," Sreeja said. "But, definitely, Somnath will be there in Germany for the camp," she added.

"The focus will be on doubles also as we are trying to make it big in the team events in the Olympics," she said.

No matter what happens now, this is Afghanistan's World Cup

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

In the recent past, Afghanistan have become the second favourite team of cricket fans (assuming their respective countries are the first) in international tournaments. If you asked them before the start of the T20 World Cup, "If not your country, which team would you like to see win?", most would have answered, "Afghanistan" (at other times, and for different reasons, New Zealand or Sri Lanka have been second favourites).

And this is not just because of Afghanistan's recent history of war and terror and human disasters – which are reason enough – but for the brand of joyful cricket and unexpected narratives they bring to the field of play too. And for the sheer spirit and togetherness in the team which now has some world class performers.

Thrill of participation

This support is in no way patronising, nor does it come from a position of superiority. There has always been, in this team, the palpable thrill of participation, and the augury of great possibilities, all communicated to the viewers unselfconsciously. Now they have two bowlers in the world's Top 10 and a batter in the Top 15 as they prepare to take on South Africa in the semifinal of a World Cup. It is the most romantic cricket story of our times.

The three other semifinalists are the only teams in the top 10 that Afghanistan have not beaten yet. But that hardly matters. This World Cup is already theirs in a bigger sense.

"Cricket is the only source of happiness back home," skipper Rashid Khan has said. Afghanistan's cricket is a source of happiness the world over. But there's more. Cricket spells hope for a country that has suffered for decades, giving the players a sense of purpose and the satisfaction of achievement.

On the other hand, the growth of cricket among Afghans has showed the significance of sport and its ability to mean something beyond itself. Afghanistan and cricket have been good for each other, both have gained from the relationship. Significantly, Afghanistan beat Bangladesh the old-fashioned way, by claiming ten wickets. They didn't need any help from a rain washout or the rules or the apparently dodgy cramps from a player. This means there will be no mental asterisks against their qualification, for they certainly deserve to be in the semifinals. They beat Australia and New Zealand at the World Cup. They have three of the five most successful bowlers and two of the three most successful batters in the tournament.

But statistics are merely reference points for future researchers. These say nothing of the excitement, the decisions under pressure or how close to the edge either team came.

When Naveen-ul Haq came on to bowl what turned out to be the final over, there was consternation that Afghanistan might have got it wrong. Shouldn't Fazalhaq Farooqi, the leading wicket-taker of the tournament and a left arm seamer, be the one to bowl it? If the match went into the 19th over, surely it would be the end for Afghanistan?

It needed some magic, perhaps two wickets in two deliveries so opening batter Litton Das would be left stranded at the non-striker's end. Naveen-ul Haq provided the magic. Two wickets off successive deliveries. Then he took off, arms outstretched, and in danger of achieving lift-off. It was magnificent, a startling reminder of why some people play a sport, other people write about it, and how one hour of crowded glory is worth an age without a name!

Mohammad Nabi, a few months short of his 40th birthday, was less demonstrative than the bowler. He had seen it all while taking Afghanistan from the World Cricket League division 5 to the semifinals of a World Cup. It was his century against a touring MCC that suggested Afghanistan might be a future Test candidate. Much like C.K. Nayudu's century against the MCC hastened India's entry into the big league.

Nabi has played 127 of Afghanistan's 137 T20 internationals – his book, when he writes it, will have some of the most fascinating human stories you can hope to read anywhere.

But all that's for the future. For the moment, it is celebration time. For Afghanistan, and for the rest of the world (barring perhaps Australia and Bangladesh).

Yuki-Albano duo makes the last eight

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Yuki Bhambri and Albano Olivetti eased past Sriram Balaji and Luke Johnson 6-3, 6-3 in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the €1,005,340 ATP tennis tournament in Calvia, Spain.

Other results: $25,000 ITF men, Hillcrest, South Africa: Singles (first round): Devin Badenhorst (RSA) bt Parth Aggarwal 7-5, 7-5; Ishaque Eqbal bt Reuben Bakker (RSA) 6-4, 6-3; Aryan Shah bt Thando Longwe-Smit (RSA) 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ishaque Eqbal & Kris Van Wyk (RSA) bt Parth Aggarwal & Max Benaim (GBR) 6-7(3), 6-1, [10-3].

$15,000 ITF men, Tianjin, China: Singles (first round): S. Mukund bt Bang Shuo Yin (Tpe) 6-2, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF men, Wroclaw, Poland: Singles (first round): Yurii Dzhavakian (Ukr) bt Yuvan Nandal 6-1, 7-5.

$15,000 ITF men, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): S.D. Prajwal Dev & Nitin Kumar Sinha bt Iliyas Maratuly (Kaz) & Eyal Shurmilov (Isr) 6-4, 6-2; Daniel Ibragimov & Karan Singh bt Bekhan Atlangeriev & Egor Khotchenkov 7-5, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Singles (first round): Ilia Simakin bt Dev Javia 7-6(10), 7-5.

$40,000 ITF women, Palma del Rio, Spain: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Leonie Kung (Sui) & Vasanti Shinde bt Warona Mdlulwa & Wozuko Mdlulwa (RSA) 6-1, 6-0.

$25,000 ITF women, Taipei, Taiwan: Singles (first round): Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Rinon Okuwaki (Jpn) 6-2, 6-2.

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PANEL 1 | LEVERAGING AI TO DRIVE GROWTH IN MSMEs

Sanket Atal, Managing Director, India Operations, Site Lead - Technology & Product, Salesforce India
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Vidya Vasudevan, Global Head - Zoho Community, Zoho Corporation
Siddesh Naik, Country Leader, Data, AI & Automation software, Technology Sales, IBM India & South Asia
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PANEL 2 | FINANCIAL AND LIQUIDITY NEEDS OF MSME SECTOR

Ashish Jhina, Co-founder and COO, Jumbotail
Abhiroop Medhekar, Co-founder and CEO, Velocity
Sanjay Gupta, Chief General Manager, SIDBI
Aarati Krishnan, Consulting Editor, The Hindu businessline (Moderator)

Date: June 27, 2024
Time: 5:30 PM Onwards
Venue: Taj West End, Bengaluru

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan
IFT No.03/2024-25, Dated: 24-06-2024

Short term tenders are invited from eligible Agencies in two cover system through KPPP portal of GOK (website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for HASSAN District works as per SBD-KW- 2,3 Maximum estimated amount is Rs.90.00 lakhs & Minimum estimated amount is Rs.50.00 lakhs.The last date of receipt of tender is 05-06-2024 upto 5.00 PM hours. Further detail can be had from KPPP portal and the above office during office working hours. Note: "Bidder should quote the rates including GST".

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan.

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CSIR- INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL BIOLOGY
(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
4, Raja S. C. Mullick Road, Jadavpur, Kolkata-700 032

Advt. No. R&C/PMO/2023 Date of Advertisement : 26.06.2024
Last date of submission of application : 25.07.2024

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Please mark your envelope with the superscription [Notice – Project Infinite Space].

Date: 26-06-2024.
Place: Bengaluru

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Partner
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49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-63/230/2024-25 **Date: 25.06.2024**

CANCELLATION OF TENDER

Ref: This office Tender Notification No. **IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP- 63/1001/2023-24 Date: 07.03.2024**

In furtherance to this office tender notification cited under reference above the works of (1) Arranging Power Supply to Plot No. 59C, 21 & 22 and shifting of IOC feeder HT line passing over the various plots of Mahalbagayath Industrial Area, Vijayapura District & (2) Reconditioning, Operation and Maintenance of Street Lights at Mulwada Industrial Area, Phase-1, Vijayapura District, is hereby cancelled.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/569/Zen/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Raichur Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

Tenders are invited through KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works **1) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT564 dtd. 18.06.2024:** Supply, Service, performance enhancement & Re-commissioning of Vacuum pumps in Unit 1 to 4, RTPS. EMD : **Rs. 2.30 Lakhs . 2) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT580 dtd. 19.06.2024:** Supply, Refurbishment, Testing & Commissioning of Plate Heat Exchanger of U-1 to 4, RTPS. EMD : **Rs. 2.05 Lakhs. 3) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1536 dtd. 18.06.2024:** Supply, Erection of ALloy Steel pipes of MS/CRH/HRH/HPBP line drains towards flash tanks & LP pipings of cooling water system /Air system of Unit- 1 to 4. EMD : **Rs. 70,000/- 4) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1534 dtd. 13.06.2024:** Online Air Ingression testing of condenser by Helium leak detection test in Unit 2,3 & 4, EMD : **Rs. 30,000/- 5) KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT1331/CALL-3 dtd. 21.06.2024:** Routine / Preventive / Breakdown Maintenance and Overhaul Works of XRP-803 / HP-803 Bowl Mills and their auxilliaries of Units 2,3 & 4 for a period of one year. EMD : **Rs. 4,82,796/-** ***For further details, contact:*** Superintending Engineer (MM-1), Mobile:9449596545. **6) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1595 dtd. 22.06.2024:** Airline modification work, replacement of root valves, erection of canopy work and SS tubing for Unit # 5 & 6. EMD : **Rs. 13,420/-** ***For further details, contact:*** Executive Engineer(I&C)-3. **7) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1586 dtd. 20.06.2024:** Reconditioning of Clinker Grinder assemblies by replacing the shafts and then balancing the assembles of RTPS. **8) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1590 dtd. 20.06.2024:** Providing and Replacement of Unit -2 Dry Ash System Bag Filter tube sheet with purging pipes of 40 NB, Rerouting of connected pipe lines and painting of Bag filter collector tank with purging pipes. of RTPS. ***For further details, contact:*** Executive Engineer(AHP-1), Mobile:9449596544. **9) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1592 dtd. 21.06.2024:** Complete repair/ rewinding of 6.6kV, 200kW, 1486RPM, CGL make Air Compressor Motor - 3 & 4A at RTPS. EMD : **Rs. 19,223/-** ***For further details, contact:*** Executive Engineer(HT-2), Mobile:9449596528. **10) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT 1591 dtd. 21.06.2024:** Replacement of 2 Nos. of 60 TR Carrier make chiller Units by screw type chiller units for UNit 8 Air Conditioning System at RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 81,500/-** ***For further details, contact:*** Executive Engineer(LT-2), Mobile:9449598846. **11) KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT 1399/CALL-2 dtd. 22.06.2024:** Periodical Special Assistance and Annual Maintenance works of Generator transformers, Station transformers, ICTs, Line & Bus reactors, Unit Auxilliariy Transformers, Colony Power supply Transformers & OLA transformers and allied equipments for a period of 12 months. EMD : **Rs. 89,408/-** ***For further details, contact:*** Executive Engineer(Transformer), Mobile:9449596519.

Last date for submission of tenders *(For Sl. No. 1, 3, 7 & 8) :* **08.07.2024**. *(For Sl. No. 2):* **15.07.2024.** *(For Sl. No. 4 & 5,):* **28.06.2024 upto 17.00 hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 6):* **01.07.2024 upto 16.00 hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 9):* **19.07.2024 upto 16.00 hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 10):* **06.07.2024 upto 16.30 hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 11):* **29.06.2024 upto 17.30 hrs.** Interested bidders may submit the bids through e-Tendering website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District, Karnataka State.

Office of Deputy Commissioner Chickaballapur District, Chickballapur, (District Urban Development Cell)
E-Mail: ka.chikkaballapur.dudc@gmail.com, Ph: 08156-277005

NO. DUDC/INDIRA CANTEEN/CR/02/2021-22 Date:15.06.2024

Re-Tender Notification

(1) Tenders are invited from the eligible Tenderers, for Providing Catering Services for SWM Expert in Karnataka State detailed in the table below. Two tender document procedure as per KTPP Act & rules 2000 shall be followed. **(2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (3)** Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. **(4)** Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Asst Executive Engineer, DUDC, FA-07, DC office complex, Chikkaballapur during working hours. **(1)** Pre-bid meeting (Venue-DUDC office): **19.06.2024, 11:00 AM. (2)** Last date & Time for receipt of tenders: **01.07.2024, 5:30 PM. (3)** Date & Time for opening of Technical bid: **03.07.2024 11:00 AM. (4)** Date & Time for opening of Financial bid: **05.07.2024,11:00 AM or Later. (1) Name of Work:** 3rd call for outsourced SWM Expert required by Chikkaballapur District Urban Development Cell **(DMA/2023-24/SE0805/Call-2). Tender Period:** 48 Months. Change in calendar of events (if any) will be published in e-procurement portal only. Paper notification will not be given.

Sd/- Project Director,
District Urban Development Cell,Chikkaballapur District
DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPURA/RO:40/KSMCA/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
Zilla Panchayath, Vijayanagara,
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Hospet Vijayanagara District.

No.: EE/RDWS&SD/HPT/JJM/E-Proc Tender/JE/2024-25/201 **Dated:24.06.2024**

E-tender Notification-01/2024-25.
(KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Hosapete hereby invites the tender for FY-2024-25 KKRDB & Dharmika Datti works in Harapanahalli Taluk Works of Vijayanagara District through e-procurement. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Website**. The period to receive the tender from eligible bidders is from **25.06.2024 to 03.07.2024 at 5.00PM** and date of **opening of technical bid is on 04.07.2024 at 5.05 PM, opening of Financial bid is on 08.07.2024 at 10.00 AM,** Executive Engineer RWS&S Division Hospet Vijayanagara District For further more information contact above said Office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Hospet.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2024-25/KSMCA/RO No/69

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
Parisara Bhavana, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore-560001
Phone : 080-25581383, Fax : 080-25586321

No. PCB/87/BLD/2023/2024-25/1180 **Dated:18/06/2024**

INVITATION FOR TENDER - 2nd CALL
(Through GoK e-procurement platform www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GoK e-procurement platform **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by The Member Secretary for the following work:

Name of the work: Maintenance of Gardens at Head Office "Parisara Bhavan", Church Street, Bengaluru, Regional Office, "Nisaraga Bhavan", S.G.Halli, Bengaluru, Regional Office, Urban Eco Park, Peenya, Bengaluru and Regional Office, Ramanagara District. **Approx Value of the work:** Rs.35.98 Lakhs. All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.

For more details, please refer e-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

DIPR/CP/555/AKAR/2024-25

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Tender schedule : 1) Amount Put to Tender (Approximately): Rs.78,98,700/- **2) EMD:** Rs.1,58,000/- **3) Bid Validity Period (in Days):** As per KTPP Act **4) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications:** Date: 27-06-2024Time:10.30 am **5) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders :**Date :06-07-2024 Time: 4.30 pm **6) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid:** Date :08-07-2024 Time : 11.00 am **7) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid:** Date :11-07-2024 Time : 11.00 am

ಉಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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Croatian star Luka Modric is not done yet

I'd also like to keep playing forever but there probably will come a time when I'll have to hang up my boots, says the former Ballon D'Or winner about his future plans with the national team

FOOTBALL

Associated Press
LEIPZIG

A standing ovation, a man-of-the-match award and a record.

But Croatia star Luka Modric was in no mood to celebrate, regardless of the accolades, after what could have been his last appearance at a major tournament.

Modric scored against Italy on Monday to become the oldest goal-scorer ever at a European Championship.

Ultimately it wasn't enough to ensure his team stays in the competition. Mattia Zaccagni scored in the eighth minute of stoppage time for Italy to draw 1-1 and advance to the knockout stage.

Croatia needs an improbable series of other results going its way to remain at Euro 2024.

Modric, who is 38 years and 289 days old, claimed the opening goal on a rebound in the 55th minute, within a minute of having a penalty saved by Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma.

The previous record was held by Ivica Vastic, who was 38 years, 257 days old when he scored for Austria against Poland at Euro 2008.

Modric received standing ovations from fans when he went off in the 80th, and he was applauded again when he showed up for the post-game news conference.

Still at it: Modric's strike against Italy took him into the record books as the oldest scorer in the Euros. AFP

One Italian journalist started by telling Modric he was one of the most magnificent players he had ever seen. He said he had no question to ask, just a request for him never to retire from playing.

Genuinely moved

Modric seemed genuinely moved by the kind words.

"I'd also like to keep playing forever but there probably will come a time when I'll have to hang up my boots," he replied. "I'll keep playing. I'll continue, so I'm not sure when, we'll see."

Modric earlier this month extended his contract by another year at Real Madrid, where he has amassed an impressive haul of trophies since joining from Tottenham in 2012, including another Champions League and Spanish league title last season.

Modric has played 178 games for Croatia since making his debut at age 20 under Zlatko Kranjcar in 2006. The 2018 Ballon d'Or winner is playing in his fifth European Championship. His goal against Italy took his tally to four goals in 16 games at the tournament.

But Modric has enjoyed greater success with the national team at the World Cup, leading Croatia to the final in 2018, and third place in 2022.

The draw against Italy on Monday, and the manner in which it came with the last kick of the game, means Croatia is almost certain to be eliminated in the next days.

"It was very stressful. We kept fighting like lions right to the end. But football is cruel," Modric said. "That's part and parcel of football. Sometimes it brings a lot of happiness, but sometimes it makes you very sad as well.

Very difficult

"Losing like this is very difficult. It's hard to find words to describe how my teammates and probably the fans feel as well. Of course, we need to bounce back." Modric, who is the team captain, took comfort from the performance.

"We gave everything for Croatia, and this is how Croatia presents itself, regardless of the cruelty of this result. We deserved more, but it's football," he said. "We can be proud of how we represented Croatia."

Vihari to continue for Andhra after assurance from ruling party

Press Trust of India
VISAKHAPATNAM

Indian all-rounder Hanuma Vihari has committed to represent Andhra following assurance from the State's ruling party, Telugu Desam Party (TDP), that his grievances with the State association would be addressed.

The 30-year-old had announced in February that he would "never play for Andhra again" as he had lost his "self-respect" after being forced to quit as the team's captain.

Soon after Vihari announced his decision to leave Andhra, he was approached by the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA).

Karnataka State-ranking TT from July 4

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Dakshina Kannada Table Tennis Association will conduct the 2nd Karnataka State-ranking tournament for season 2024 from July 4 to 7 at the Father Muller Indoor Stadium, Mangaluru.

Those interested can register at *https://karnatakatabletennis.web.app/auth/login* before 8 p.m. on June 29.

Contact Gowtham Shetty (98451 21498).

Ankle pain forces shot putter Toor out of National inter-State athletics

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's top shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor is coping with an ankle pain and he will miss the National Inter-State Athletics Championships, the final qualifying event for the upcoming Paris Olympics, beginning in Panchkula on Thursday.

Toor, an Asian record holder till a few days back, is set to qualify for the Paris Games through World ranking quota. He is the reigning Asian champion as well as Asian Games gold medallist. "I am currently having slight ankle pain and my doctor told me not to throw for three-four weeks," said Toor without specifying when the pain began.

It will have to be seen how the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) deals with Toor's latest problem as the officials are tight-lipped as of now.

The men's shot put events in the Paris Olympics will be held on August 2 (qualifying round) and August 3 (final).

Last month, AFI president Adille Sumariwalla had made it clear that except for Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, it will be mandatory for all the other athletes to participate in the National inter-State championships (June 27-30) to get selected for the Paris Olympics.

What the rules say

AFI rules state that all the athletes will have to participate in the National inter-State championships if they have to get selected for major multi-sport events like the Olympics, unless the federation gives an exemption on the request of particular athletes or their coaches.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Nihansh excels in Engrades CC's win

Nihansh Poojary starred for Engrades CC with an all-round effort (5/27 & 80) as it beat South End SC by three wickets in the KSCA (Group I) U-19 inter-club tournament.

The scores: South End SC 232/9 in 50 overs (Roshan Raju 121 n.o., V.P. Vikas 26, Nihansh Poojary 5/27) lost to Engrades 236/6 in 38.4 overs (R. Pratham 61, Nihansh Poojary 80, R. Monish Karthik 34).

Karnataka Youth CA, Malur 123 in 37.5 overs (S. Shivaprasad 42, Pranshu J. Patel 3/33) lost to Coles 127/1 in 15.1 overs (Rishab B. Nayak 38, Vismay Raj 66 n.o.).

The Bangalore Cricketers 101 in 34.3 overs (D.S. Bhushan 27, M. Jeevan Sukeerthi 28, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 3/6) lost to Social Cricketers 104/5 in 14.5 overs (V. Lokaksha 25, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 29 n.o., M. Jeevan Sukeerthi 3/38).

Sir Syed Cricketers 277/7 in 49 overs (A. Shashank Kumar 54, N. Bhuvan Gowda 33, Krishav S. Somasundar 76, Vedant Kumar 40, M. Tanmay 34 n.o., Shashank Kiran 3/44) bt Herons 131/6 in 31.3 overs (Aryan Inchal 35, Akshay A. Kamath 36, S. Vishwa 28) [On better run-rate after rain interrupted play].

Cambridge 304/9 in 50 overs (Pratheek 103, S. Aditya 26, J. Sukruth 25, Naman Choudhary 42, Mohammed Faiz 41 n.o., Bharatesh R. Gowda 4/52 bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 187/7 in 38 overs (T. Srivardhan 38, S. Lohith 33 n.o., S.D. Nischal Gowda 26 n.o., Mohammad Ibrahim Rayyan 3/26, Pranav Aswath 4/29) [On better run-rate after rain interrupted play].

Dooravani Cricketers (1) 92 in 29.5 overs (A. Arjun 3/9, H.S. Sanchit 3/17) lost to Wadiyar 96/7 in 16.3 overs (Rishabh Nair 27, Dhanush Manu 4/52).

FUCC (1) 308/5 in 50 overs (Ravi Kairav Reddy 76, A. Siddharth 61, V. Saatwik 54 n.o., Ronak Yelwal 28 n.o.) bt Sangam CA 59 in 22.5 overs (Dhruv Vasu 6/3, Ronak Yelwal 3/15).

Century Cricketers 321/6 in 50 overs (Aadesh Urs 138, B.S. Sachin Bharadwaj 64, Gaurov Shanbhag 40 n.o., Aryan Mawa 3/50) bt BUCC (1) 113/1 in 24.2 overs (Chirayu Reddy 65 n.o. Akash Shetty 29 n.o.)[On better run-rate after rain interrupted play].

Bangalore Occasionals 161 in 40.1 overs (B. Krithin 64, R. Kushal 4/28, S. Shivaprasad 3/28) bt City Gymkhana 127 in 40.2 overs (Krushna V. Rao 37, Brahmanya Theertha R. Kuber 25, Ansh Aima 4/31).

Metro HC routs Bangalore United HC 5-1

Metro HC defeated Bangalore United HC 5-1 in the second phase of the KSHA Travancore Cup hockey tournament on Tuesday.

The results: Metro HC 5 (Naveen 8, Hari 15, Abbas 37, Prakash 45, Suresh Babu 49) bt Bangalore United HC 1 (Uthaiah 43); DPS HC 2 (Teswin Viju 28, Manikandan 33) bt RWFSA 2 (Kushman Singh 9, Ranjith 13) [3-1 after shootout].